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4 The Kids

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ing standards. I realized many of their basic needs were not being met."

It was surfing in Indonesia that Riley got to meet and came to fall in love with the Indonesian people. It was the native children and the somewhat harsh conditions that came with living within what seems to be a tropical paradise that tugged on his heart.

For some of the native people, sickness and death are an intimate part of the simple lives they lead.

"We don't have the same problem with malaria in this country that we used to have," Riley said. "But according to The Red Cross, nearly 100 million people are at risk of contracting malaria."

Riley explained that every year, Surf Aid does some different initiative to help people.

"This year it happens to be mosquito nets to protect kids against malaria," Riley said.

"Medicated mosquito nets seem to be the most cost-efficient way to save lives. I've been reading literature on malaria and what a life-threatening disease it is and how many lives it is taking; especially those of children."

Riley and his wife have been the catalyst in creating All 4 The Kids.

"We got the group incorporated and reached out to our friends," Riley said. "Now we have a pretty good team."

The core of the group includes: Ty Smith, from Laguna Beach who does the Web site; Matt Mettock, from Costa Mesa who helps throw fun events; Jenny Levin-Radaich, a young attorney from Seal Beach; Walter Rygiol from Seal Beach, a sales accountant for IBM; Mindy Hibma an event planner and Brian Binder, of Seal Beach, who works in real estate.

"We also have a public relations firm run by Bill Byrne called BB Public Relations that picked us up pro-bono (free of charge)," Riley said.

Riley, who attended Cal State Long Beach and recently earned his MBA, currently works in marketing with FedEx.

Riley started building the organization in June. The Night of Giving will be their first event.

The evening will include live music with the Gonzalo Bergara Quartet, which has toured the world. Native Argentinean Gonzalo Bergara is receiving glowing reviews for his CD "Porteña Soledad."

Bergara began playing professionally at age 16 in Buenos Aires. By 17 he was already fronting his own blues trio on national television. He arrived in America in the year 2000 and in the short time since, has performed and recorded with hundreds of artists including Tim Hausser of Manhattan Transfer, the Hot Licks and many more.

Also performing will be Cover Me Badd. The three singers call themselves "Quite possibly the handsomest, most talented live karaoke band in the cosmos."

According to the All 4 The Kids Web site, Cover Me Badd's "unique blend of impeccable musicianship, side-splitting stage antics, and hackneyed tomfoolery has thrilled and delighted audiences across the country...Featuring a list of over 150 songs, from nearly every musical genre and era, Cover Me Badd has taken every precaution to provide audiences with a one-of-a-kind live karaoke experience; a take-no-prisoners rock and roll odyssey."

There will also be plenty of sumptuous food at buffet tables. Guests will also be able to peruse and make purchases from a silent auction.

Riley and friends say they are looking forward to an evening of fun with friends and family, earning money for a good cause.

Riley said this first All 4 The Kids event is somewhat in honor of his mother who died recently.

"She is the one who set an example for me to do something for others," Riley said.

Tickets for the Night of Giving event are \$79 per person and are tax deductible. There is a maximum of 200 tickets available so they should be purchased in advance.

Kona is located at 16278 S. Pacific Coast Highway, Huntington Beach.

For more information, go to the Web site: All4thekids.org.

Death

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were on scene Monday night as police tape blocked off portions of the street.

It is unknown whether any other suspects were apprehended. No other injuries were reported.

Los Alamitos police officials could not confirm the name of the victim before the Sun's deadline.



The McAuliffe Middle School Jazz and Advanced bands and String Orchestra performed at Disneyland on Tuesday, Jan. 13 for an appreciative audience of park visitors. Then the young musicians enjoyed an unseasonably-warm winter day of riding roller coasters and hanging out with Goofy. Seen from left with Goofy are Alexander Bicknell, Anthony Acuna, Michael Donovan, Ryan O'Neil-Berven and Matt Goulding.

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