Local Nonprofit to Host ‘Live Your Best Life’ Luncheon

The Event Will Feature Former Palisadian and World Champion
Quadriplegic Surfer Jesse Billauer as Keynote Speaker

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The Friends of griefHaven will host its annual “Live Your Best Life” Luncheon to support griefHaven on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the LUXE Hotel in Sunset.

A Palisadian-based nonprofit foundation, griefHaven provides unique and specialized support to those suffering the loss of a loved one. As part of its mission, griefHaven also serves the public in educating people about grief and clarifying how to better support those in grieving.

This year, with keynote speaker Jesse Billauer, The Friends continue its tradition of hosting brilliant and timely speakers at the Live Your Best Life Luncheon. Billauer, a popular OITNB speaker, is recognized as one of the most inspirational figures on the planet. He superbly articulates how we are all here to help one another—how this is the most important thing.

“I help you,” Billauer has said. “You help me help others. And together, we change the world!”

Growing up in the Palisades, Billauer had become a top junior surfer by age 17—a month away from turning pro—when he suffered a tragic surfing accident.

In his words, “On March 25, 1996, a morning like any other, Matty mowing. I became a quadriplegic. While I obviously don’t celebrate that life-changing moment, I do celebrate every lap, month and year after it. Because each one, each new morning, represents another checkpoint on the Never Give Up! scoreboard.”

With this positive attitude and desperate desire to tell his story, he would never surf again. Billauer overcame immense obstacles to become the world champion quadriplegic surfer.

At this year’s luncheon, Billauer will reflect on his journey from the heights of glory to the depths of despair, sharing how he processed his way to a life filled with meaning. He’ll also express gratitude to everyone who supports his foundation, Life Rolls On, which inspires and changes lives.

As Billauer puts it, “I bet you already figured out my story isn’t about surfing or paralysis. It’s about life—and living it in a big way.”

“Put a gray with a spinal cord injury, Jesse has more techniques than anyone knows,” Aaron Menz, a friend of Billauer, said.

Billauer started Life Rolls On because he believes those living with paralysis deserve to feel the exhilarating freedom that surfing brings. As a nonprofit foundation, Life Rolls On is helping those suffering a spinal cord injury.

The Friends invite all Palisadians, as well as friends and neighbors, to join them on Tuesday, Oct. 17, for what will be a moving and inspirational event. A huge , band and a raffle for a Mysterious Basket will add to the fun and entertainment before lunch.

Or, if unable to attend, you may wish to become a Live Your Best Life sponsor or supporter. You may purchase tickets, sponsorships and donations by going to www.griefHaven.org to purchase tickets, become a sponsor or donate.

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Supporting the griefHaven Foundation

Some of what griefHaven provides:

- Specialized grief support for all losses
- Individual grief counseling with trained grief specialists
- Packet of Hope—uniquely tailored to each specific loss
- Community outreach—schools, first responders, caregivers, businesses, and professionals
- Website—replace with unique resource to comfort, support, and educate
- Newsletter—The Journey, edifying, life-affirming information for all
- Grief Pin—worn by thousands all over the world
- Speakers—Educational, motivational, and inspirational
- Workshops—Experiential and educational

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Life Rolls On promotes awareness and activism for those suffering a spinal cord injury.

Featuring

JESSE BILLAUER
Acclaimed Motivational Speaker
and World Champion Quadriplegic Surfer

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10:30 to 2:30 PM
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