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### **Prom Dress Drive to Support Cancer Patients to be held at St. James Academy**

#### *Students Continue Their Tradition of Service to Those in Need*

**Solana Beach, California** – The students at St. James Academy will hold a prom dress drive on March 25 and March 26 benefiting Friends of Scott, an organization that supports children with cancer. Every year, the organization holds a Friends of Scott Prom for teenagers who are not able to make it to their proms, or aren't expected to live until their proms. The dress donations help make their magical night possible.

The St. James Academy Girl Scouts troops and KidsKorp chapter are holding the dress drive, and aim to donate 600 new or gently used cocktail or formal dresses to Friends of Scott. Dr. Jennifer Willert, a pediatric oncologist at Children's Hospital and St. James Academy mom, has been involved with the prom dress drive since its inception, along with her son, Nate. "Childhood cancer is devastating. We feel so blessed to have the support of St. James Academy with the dress drive. The prom night is an unforgettable evening." This drive is one of the many outreach programs that St. James Academy students will participate in this year, continuing their tradition of service to the community and to those less fortunate.

The students are holding the drive at St. James Academy and the community is encouraged to visit the school office with any donations. Formal dresses purchased after 2002 are needed in sizes 2-20 and should be clean and on hangers when donated. Wraps, such as shawls and pashminas, accessories and handbags appropriate for such an evening may also be donated. Shoes cannot be accepted, but \$20 gift cards to Payless Shoes would be appreciated and will allow each girl to purchase a pair of shoes to match her dress.

St. James Academy is a K-8 elementary school serving the North County communities of Solana Beach, Del Mar, Carmel Valley, Rancho Santa Fe, Encinitas, Carlsbad and San Marcos. It is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and certified by the Western Catholic Education Association. St. James Academy is part of the St. James Catholic Community, which includes St. James Church and St. Leo's Mission. St. James Academy is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 academic year. For more information, please go to [www.saintjamesacademy.com](http://www.saintjamesacademy.com) or call 1-858-755-1777.

Friends of Scott is a non-profit organization that was founded in memory of Scott Delgadillo who lost his life to childhood cancer. The Friends of Scott Foundation (FSF) is committed to helping children with cancer and their families. They ensure the families receive the emotional and financial support needed to cope with this devastating disease. FSF strives to bring Childhood Cancer Awareness to the community. For more information, please go to [www.friendsofscott.org](http://www.friendsofscott.org).