



# Peace Officers Research Association of California

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## **PORAC IS REQUESTING ASSISTANCE FOR ANDY SCHLENKER**

Prior to Christmas 2008 PORAC was notified that Andy Schlenker and his wife Anita received some terrible news regarding their 20-month old grandson, Chase Schlenker. Chase was diagnosed with *Neuro Blastoma*. It is a rare cancer that strikes very young children. Unknown to anyone, Chase was born with the cancer and it just recently manifested itself. He has a brain tumor, a tumor behind his eye, and a tumor in his adrenal gland (near the kidney) only 500 children a year are diagnosed with *Neuro Blastoma*. Chase has been in St. Jude's Hospital (Memphis) since before Christmas. Chase will be undergoing extensive Chemo Therapy, Radiation, and Surgery. He is expected to be in the hospital for almost two years. As you can imagine the family is devastated by these events. Andy and Anita are traveling back and forth to Memphis to assist with their grandson's and family needs. Many of you have asked how you can obtain information on Chase. The below information will connect you to a website that will provide additional information and leave a message, if you like.

Candice Schlenker, Chase's mom, created a CaringBridge site to keep you up to date on Chase Schlenker. CaringBridge is a nonprofit organization that helps friends and families stay connected. You can visit Chase's CaringBridge site at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/teamchase>.

Many have asked how they can help Andy and Anita with flights (Rewards tickets or Miles) and lodging expenses PORAC is setting up a fund for contributions. For flights we will need the contact information since the person giving the flight will generally have to book the flight for the recipient.

### **HOW TO HELP:**

**Monetary Contributions:** A check can be made out to **POREF**, please put "SCHLENKER" on the memo line (or somewhere on the check). Mail the check to PORAC, 4010 Truxel Rd, Sacramento, CA 95834. POREF is a 501(c)(3) fund. EIN: 94-2677725 (for tax purposes)

**Airline Reward Tickets or Airline Mileage:** Send an email to [president@porac.org](mailto:president@porac.org) and we will keep a list of those who are willing to donate airline tickets or mileage. Please include contact information. Vice President Mike Durant will keep the list and contact you to convert the reward tickets or mileage to Andy/Anita Schlenker. Most airlines require the person holding the reward tickets or air miles to convert them for another person's use.

If you would like to send a card to Chase the address is: St. Jude Children Research Hospital, c/o Chase Schlenker #29301, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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