



To Our Patients and Families,

We are excited to share that the doctors and staff at Balboa Pediatrics are partnering with Hope the Mission this holiday season in two wonderful community activities.

Hope the Mission is a nonprofit organization actively involved in helping the homeless population in the San Fernando Valley. Their services include providing housing and a variety of support programs to help families get back on their feet. At their headquarters (located at Hayvenhurst and Roscoe), they operate a commercial kitchen that prepares and delivers over 8,000 meals a day!

This is a wonderful opportunity to become involved with our larger community and to talk with your children about kindness and compassion. Middle school and high school students can find volunteer activities that provide school service hours and introduce them to individuals who are working in different ways to make our community a better place to live.

The doctors are sponsoring a booth in support of the “Drumstick Dash,” which Hope the Mission holds on Thanksgiving Day from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. There will first be a “Young Gobbler” walk/run, followed by the general 5K and 10K walk/run.

Balboa Pediatrics’ booth will be set up at the Sherman Oaks Westfield Mall (formerly Fashion Square) on Saturday, November 22nd, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., when Drumstick Dash participants will be picking up their T-shirts and registration packets. (This is the Saturday before Thanksgiving!) Please come by and say hello to your doctors and staff!

Below is the link to register for the actual event. If you are unable to participate on Thanksgiving Day, please consider making a contribution or stopping by our booth to visit.

Use code BALBOADASH for 15% off registration.

<https://raceroster.com/events/2025/97749/2025-hope-the-mission-drumstick-dash-la> — click the **orange “Register” button** on the right to complete your registration.

The second activity will begin at the end of November, when there will be a large box in the office for new, unwrapped toy and book donations for San Fernando Valley families in need. This is another great opportunity to involve your children in conversations about giving and sharing beyond the immediate family, letting them actively select a toy or book that is meaningful to them to give to another child.

We look forward to seeing you at the booth on Saturday, November 22nd! Warmly -

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Dr. Catherine Marshall

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