



LES MARRAINES LEADER LIGHTS THE WAY FOR OUR STUDENTS



Growing up as a child in German-occupied Denmark, Inge Jones never imagined one day she would be staring out over the Pacific from a home in Malibu. Her father was a tailor and the family lived a modest life where she said, “he could always trade something for a chicken.”

A decade after the War, she met a handsome young American named Tom Jones while working in the office of a home supply store. Unlike the Welsh singer, her Tom was an aeronautical engineer for Hughes Aircraft living in her hometown of Aalborg. They had a traditional courtship for two years before marrying and moving to the United States.

Good years followed as they traveled Europe and back to the U.S. for Tom’s work. In 1976, they settled permanently in Malibu. Within a year, Inge, who was still fine-tuning her English, met several neighbors who were members of a philanthropic group of women named *Les Murraines* (The Godmothers).

Inge joined a year later. “We used to be a very large group of 30 active members, all united by a love of philanthropy” she said. “We came from various backgrounds, geographically and financially, but we all wanted to make Los Angeles better for young children.”

Les Murraines were first introduced to the Center in 1994. “We were so impressed by the warmth and happiness of the place,” said Inge who has served as *Les Murraines*’ Treasurer for many years. “We knew we wanted to be a part of the mission.”

This year marks 25 years that *Les Murraines* have supported Blind Children’s Center. For many years they held an annual gala, and they still lead an annual appeal campaign to aid the Center. Although their numbers have dwindled to six—several in their nineties—they are still champion fundraisers for our students and their families.

Inge has personally chosen to include the Blind Children’s Center in her estate plan to ensure our programs continue into the future. “This is a wonderful place and these are wonderful kids,” she said.

“We want them to have a fair chance in life. The Center helps them become productive members of society and successful adults, and there is nothing better than that.”



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We humbly ask you to consider including the Blind Children’s Center in your estate plan. Your gift will do more than you even thought possible to transform the lives of children who are visually impaired and their families for generations to come.

For more information, please contact Scott Kassel at **323.664.2152**, ext. **2330**, or via email at scott@blindchildrenscenter.org.

To include the Center in your estate plan use our legal name, The Blind Children’s Center, Inc. **Fed ID#: 95-1656369**

