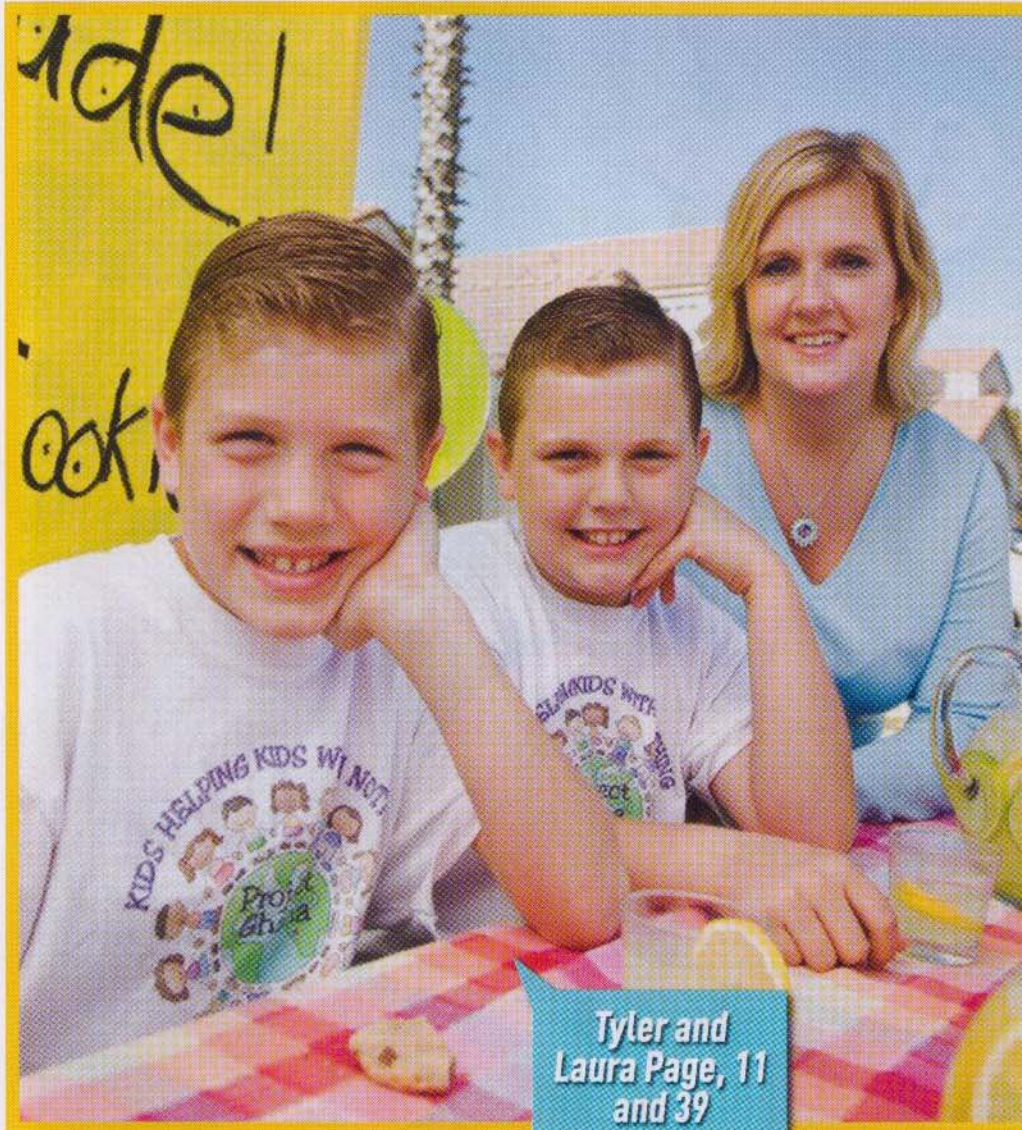


## FAMILY HEROES



**Tyler and  
Laura Page, 11  
and 39**

DISCOVERY BAY,  
CALIFORNIA

NOMINATED BY  
Kimberly Schenck,  
family friend and  
volunteer with KHK

**Kids Helping  
Kids  
Project Ghana**  
Raising funds to  
support children in  
Ghana who might  
otherwise be sold by  
desperate families

**HOW IT STARTED** In February 2007 my son Tyler (center, with brother Ryan) saw a television report about the children in Ghana who were being sold by their parents to raise money to feed the rest of the family. Right away he said to me, "Mom, I want to raise the \$240 they say it takes to keep one child safe for a whole year."

**SECRET OF SUCCESS** Keep it simple. Tyler decided the fundraising should be stuff kids could do, like car washes, garage sales and lemonade stands.

**LESSON LEARNED** You can help the world and help your own family too. As Kids Helping Kids was becoming so much more

**"My husband and I learned that you can help the world and help your own family too. I know that I'll never again underestimate what kids—and all of us—are capable of achieving."**

than what we had set out to do—we've branched out from our original goal to help kids in lots of other ways—my husband and I worried how it would affect our family. But we still spend a lot of time together. Another superstar is Tyler's younger brother, Ryan, who's 10 and always willing to pitch in. Now there's also a sense of being part of something much bigger than we are.

**MEMORABLE MOMENT** The first car wash on March 1, 2007. When we counted up the money we had \$1,175—almost, but not quite, enough to help five kids. Tyler was jumping up and down, then he stopped and said, "How much more do we need for that fifth child?" The next day we went to church and told the story of what Tyler was trying to do. Afterward a man came up and handed us an envelope with \$500. From there the project took on a life of its own. Since then we've raised \$38,000. I'll never again underestimate what kids—and all of us—are capable of achieving.

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