



What do you do when a friend faces the ultimate hardship? Seven years ago, the Friendship Paddle was formed as a way to help a friend, Doug McFadden, battle an inoperable brain tumor. In doing so, the group of friends raised funds and spirits via a relay paddle across the Santa Barbara Channel

After that initial success, the group has completed seven more challenging paddles. Each year a new paddle has been planned and completed to support a family in need. The Friendship Paddle has been able to provide financial and emotional aid to seven special families, who were facing life-threatening illnesses. The memories created on these days and the legacy of the event has been powerful for all families and participants.

This year, we paddle on behalf of Tim McGibben and his family. Tim, 42, is a father of two boys and a girl on the way. He is currently a resident of Hollister Ranch. Tim was raised in the coastal town of Santa Cruz enjoying his free time surfing, fishing and running. In November of 2009, Tim was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer. The radical surgery removed the tumor but the diagnosis came back as a very rare type with an unknown prognosis. Tim is now in the middle of chemotherapy struggling to survive.

For seven years The Friendship Paddle has made long journeys for young parents facing the battle of their lives. The Friendship Paddle will paddle for Tim and his family on October 23. Our boat captains, paddlers and Tim's beneficiary team will be showing them love and support during this difficult time and to raise money during this financial stressful time. The landing at Chase Palm Park Center just east of the harbor will be a celebration of an amazing person.

Will you make a gift to help us achieve our goal?

Please support my paddle for Tim by contributing to The Friendship Paddle. Visit www.friendshippaddle.org and donate online or send a check. We are a 501©(3) and 100% of your donation goes to the family! Be sure to put my name on the donation.

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a meaningful difference for a family in need of support.

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