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PAUL NEWMAN NON-PROFIT SADDENED BY LOSS OF FOUNDER
Scott Newman Center created by actor to rebuild the lives of children

TORRANCE, CA. – The Scott Newman Center, founded by actor/philanthropist Paul Newman was deeply saddened at the passing of the legendary actor and humanitarian this weekend.

Mr. Newman created the Scott Newman Center in 1980 in honor of his son, Scott, who died of an accidental drug overdose in 1978 at the age of 28. Originally helmed by Ms. Jackie McDonald, the Scott Newman Center focused on drug abuse prevention and education. In 1993, under the direction of Ms. McDonald and then Program Director Ruben Barajas, the Center created the Rowdy Ridge Gang Camp, a specialized summer program in the Los Angeles Mountains for children and their mothers who are domestic violence and drug abuse survivors.

Mr. Newman and his family were, and continue to be, instrumental in the success of the Scott Newman Center, and with their support, the Scott Newman Center has been able to create hope and healing where once there was none.

Executive Director Ruben Barajas praised Mr. Newman's vision and commitment to his philanthropic endeavors:

“As the world reads about Mr. Newman's great cinematic accomplishments over his long and illustrious career, we must not forget his unyielding generosity and commitment to mankind, especially to children. In a time when the word ‘humanitarian’ is often overused and minimized, Paul was a true humanitarian, one whose intention was always clear, honorable and wholesome. Mr. Newman single-handedly helped thousands, if not millions, of people over his lifetime and never asked for anything in return. I hope Paul's legacy serves as a reminder to us all about the enormous difference one person can truly make; his life serves as inspiration to all people to help those who are ill or less fortunate. It has always been an honor to be associated with Paul, his family and his organization. Our warm thoughts and sincere prayers are with his entire family.”

The Scott Newman Center and The Rowdy Ridge Gang Camp will continue their dedication to realize the ideals embodied by both Paul and Scott Newman.

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