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Ford Tough: Center Celebrates 50th

Veteran film actor **Harrison Ford** landed at Santa Barbara Airport to help the New Beginnings Counseling Center celebrate its half-century at a sun-drenched celebration at the 76-year-old Ovington Terminal, I can exclusively report.

Ford, 76, globally known as Hans Solo in *Star Wars* and the title character of the *Indiana Jones* film series, flew in on his Cessna, one of his several private aircraft, from Santa Monica the 100 miles to our Eden by the Beach to be the main guest at a brunch for 36 VIP donors, those who've given \$5,000 or more to the nonprofit, which served 2,174 people across five programs last year, including 694 under its Safe Parking Program.

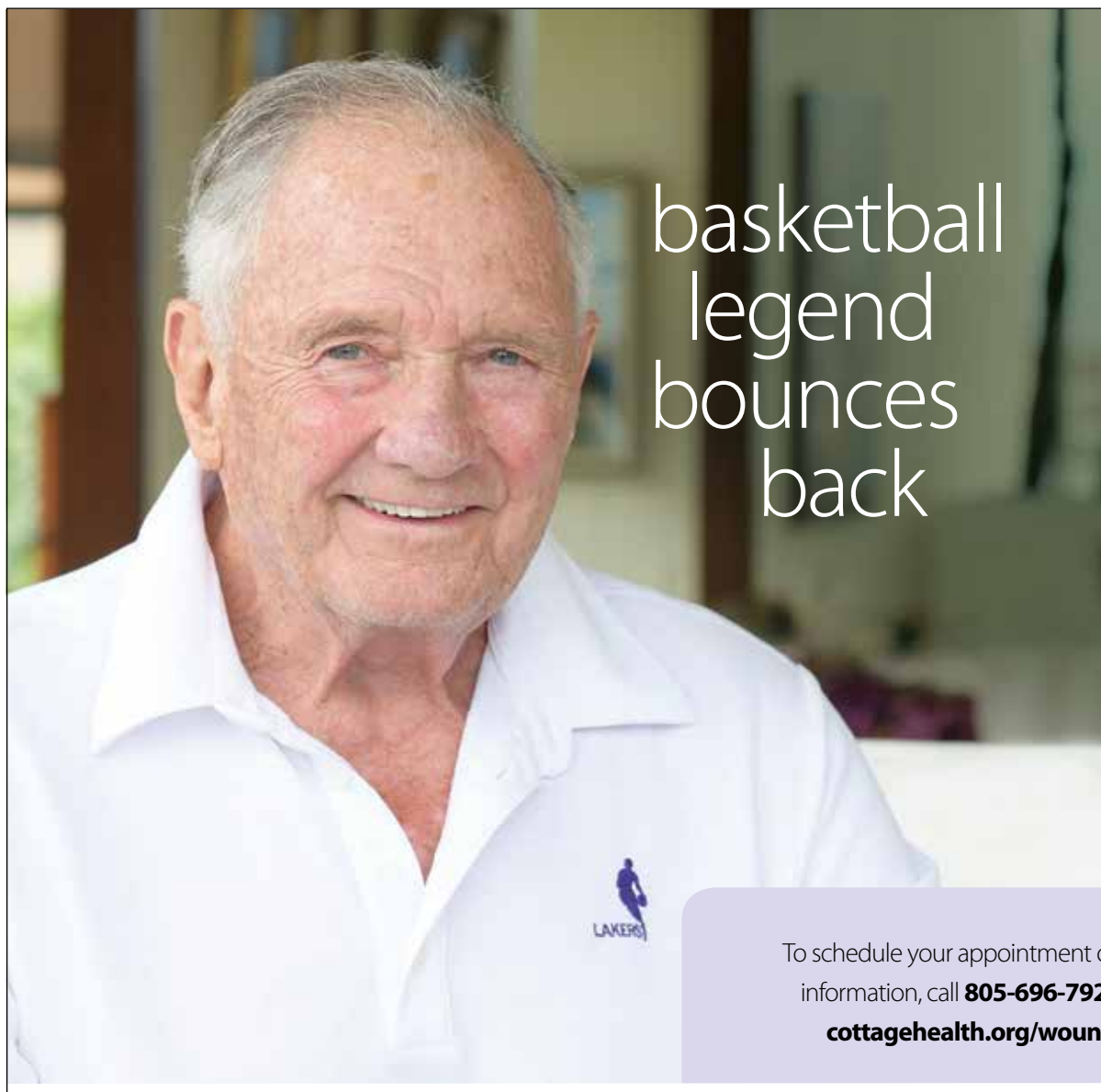
Volunteers and staffers, dressed in



50th anniversary event co-producers Judi Weisbart, Harrison Ford, and Judy Hawkins (photo by Priscilla)

airline attendant attire, added to the colorful Rincon-catered fete, produced by **Judi Weisbart** and **Judy Hawkins**,

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Bill Bertka, Santa Barbara

Coach Bill Bertka has 10 NBA Championship rings with the Los Angeles Lakers.

A few months ago, the coach experienced a large gash in his leg. His physician referred him to the Ridley-Tree Center for Wound Management at Goleta Valley Cottage Hospital for treatment. Soon, he healed and bounced back to the life he loves. Now 90 years old, the coach is back at Lakers camp.

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Ziad Elkurjie, New Beginnings treasurer, with interviewer Cheri Steinkellner and Arthur Gross-Schafer (photo by Priscilla)



Harrison Ford, pilot and environmental activist, with Julianna Friedman and Tom Dain (photo by Priscilla)

which replaced the charity's annual gala.

Montecito's **Cheri Steinkellner**, who wrote and produced the long-running TV show *Cheers*, emceed an entertaining 15-minute question-and-answer session with Ford, a friend of a charity board member, who also starred in *Witness*, *Patriot Games*, and *The Fugitive*.

Five of his films are in the top 30 top-grossing movies at the U.S. box office and, as of 2016, Ford's films have grossed more than \$4.7 billion in U.S. box-office domestic gross.

Two Ford-signed posters from *Air Force One* and *Six Days, Seven Nights* were sold in a silent auction. The airline company, Signature, also gave their services free for the occasion.

Among the high flyers, all of whom got a keepsake photo with Ford, were **Dan and Emily Engel**, **Julianna Friedman** and **Tom Dain**, **Kathryn LePage**, **Diane Pannkuk**,

Sasha Ablitts, **Kristine Schwarz**, **Bill Steinkellner**, and **David Jackson**.

Dream Weavers

A record 450 guests turned out for the Dream Foundation's 4th annual Endless Summer Dream party at Bella Vista, the sprawling Summerland estate of polo-playing hotel magnate **Pat Nesbitt** and his wife, **Ursula**, raising around \$300,000 for the popular charity that just celebrated its 30,000th dream.

The fun fashion fete, co-chaired by Ursula and **Arlene Montesano**, and emceed by KEYT-TV chief meteorologist **Alan Rose**, kicked off with a pool-side runway show by Los Angeles-based fashion label Wildfox, which also included fashions from the Coast Village Road emporium K. Frank, as well as an aerialist performance from the SB Airdanse Collective, and musical contributions from **Dominick Cole**, **Josh Killacky**, and **Cody Lovaas**.

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Nigel Gallimore, host Pat Nesbitt, Ashley Blevins, and Chris Lancashire (photo by Priscilla)

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