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## WHAT TO DO



2010 Imagination Celebration continues

## WHAT TO READ



School's coming to a close, but don't stop reading

## WHAT TO KNOW



YOU ARE What You Eat: this Saturday in Brea

# Ripple Kids

An Orange County nonprofit, Ripple Kids, Inc., features youth who are changing their community: a "ripple effect."

We ask parents and schools to nominate these contributors, ages 13 or younger.

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<< Monday, February 04, 2008  
Caleb, 8, of Newport Beach

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Ripple Kid - April 2008

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## Ripple Kid - March 2008

Ripple Kid of the Month - OC Family March

**Lauren, 9, of Tustin**

Lauren loves to read. With that as her inspiration, she decided to hold a book drive to benefit elementary schools in Orange County. She did her research online and found Reading by 9 (L.A. Times). With the help of several of her school friends, she started her project with the goal of collecting 500 books. A month later, they had collected 1,210 books! Lauren learned that kids love to make a difference, but sometimes they don't know how to get started. By inviting a large group, she shared not only the work, but also the reward of helping a great cause!



Lauren's project shows how the action of one person can inspire many more. Several of her original group - many of whom had not taken on community service projects in the past - have begun planning their own projects. All it takes is one to get the ripple started!

Bridget Belden, mother of her own charitable two children, is founder of the nonprofit Ripple Kids, Inc. Go to [ripplekids.com](http://ripplekids.com) for more information. For nominations, go to: [ripplekids.com/howtobe.php](http://ripplekids.com/howtobe.php)

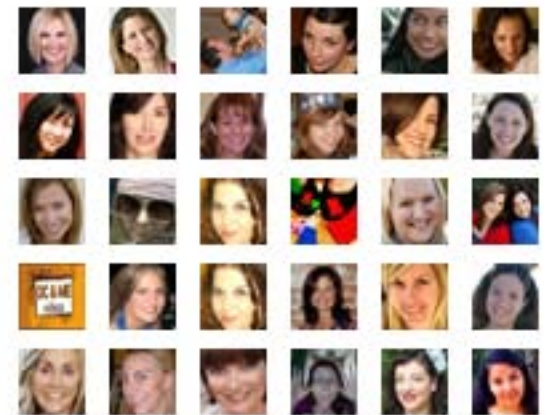
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