



Marti Baum, MD, FAAP

She will always be in our hearts

It's with heartfelt condolences we remember Marti Baum, MD, FAAP, who recently passed on July 21, 2025. Dr. Baum was a dedicated pediatrician, educator, advocate, and chapter member whose life's work impacted families in all the areas the AAP-CA2 serves, and beyond. The innumerable children she impacted will carry on her legacy, and she will be deeply missed. We send our thoughts and condolences to her family and friends.

As described by those who knew her well, Dr. Baum was a wonderful pediatrician, brilliant, creative, kind, generous, compassionate, patient, energetic and always focused on making this world BETTER. She was an articulate voice for children and public health. She taught and influenced hundreds of residents and medical students to serve and advocate on behalf of children, teens and young adults. The Inland Empire was a better place as a result of her tireless dedication through clinical practice and teaching, advocacy, and her leadership as medical director of Reach Out and Read Inland Empire, and Help Me Grow IE.

A graduate of Loma Linda University in 1983, Dr. Baum was an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Loma Linda University for nearly 40 years. She joined as a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics in 1988 and remained an active member of the Council on Community Pediatrics (COCOP) and the Council on School Health (COSH) at the National level, and as Co-chair of AAP-CA2 State Government Affairs (SGA) Committee, representing the best interest of pediatric patients and pediatricians at the State level.

Dr. Baum served as President of the San Bernardino County Medical Society (SBCMS) during the 2015-2016 term.

She also served on the California Medical Association (CMA) Board of Trustees/House of Delegates representing the Second District (Riverside, San Bernardino, Mono and Inyo Counties) from 2016 until her passing.

Dr. Baum was a giant in pediatric advocacy. In addition to her policy and advocacy roles in the AAP and CMA, she was one of the original members of the California Collaborative, serving as subject matter expert in immersing trainees in the community. She was a leader in screening and addressing social determinants of health.

Dr. Marti Baum will be missed. Her Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, September 27 at 3pm at Loma Linda University Church/LLU Campus, in Loma Linda (See page 2).

IN LIEU OF FLOWERS (please don't send flowers), the Hardesty family is asking for you to please donate to the newly established [Marti Baum/Hardesty MD Memorial Fund](#), set by the San Bernardino

County Medical Society as a legacy for her life, work and spirit. Scholarship funding will be awarded each year by SBCMS to a medical student, resident, physician OR community member (non physician) who exemplifies Dr. Baum's priority on educating and making this world better. You may [Donate Here](#)

****Please read the remembrance from Loma Linda University, [here](#).**

Celebrating the life of



DR. MARTI BAUM HARDESTY

Please join us
*Saturday, September 27th 2025 at
3 o'clock in the afternoon
Loma Linda University Church*

Light reception immediately following
Hardesty Residence
1515 West Cypress Ave
Redlands California 92373