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# PATCHES



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## October 2014...E-News Letter



### What a month!!!

The Inaugural “WILD For PATCHES” Gala was an amazing success. Before the evening was over people were inquiring when next years event would take place. The answer to that is “we’re working on setting the date”. To see a more complete Gala Review you can visit our website: [www.patchespec.org](http://www.patchespec.org) and see the Newsletter about the gala.



*Miss Universe Gariela Isler of Venezuela* stopped in to tour PATCHES before flying off to New York. While visiting the nursing center a video production was done that would later be presented at the gala to encourage attendees to purchase the cuddly “Build A Bears” centerpieces wearing the PATCHES t-shirts.



*Miss Florida Victoria Cowen* was also a special visitor this month. Her crown and golden hair had all the children reaching out to touch her.



*A Big Thank You to Miss Universe and Miss Florida for coming to the nursing center.*

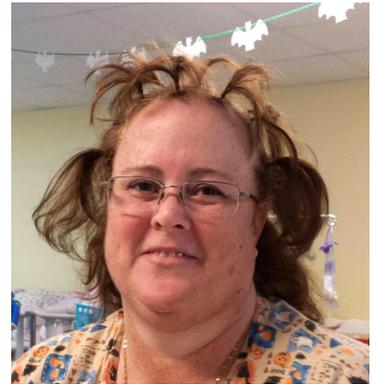
*Thank you to Maria Luisa Gonzalez Silva & Ann Marie of Ann Marie’s Boutique for making the visits possible.*

## A Fun & Crazy month at PATCHES

When the holidays begin so does the fun. Each and every day the nurses and therapist work diligently providing the skilled care the children of PATCHES require. While this is serious work they also realize fun is an important factor in the child's life adding to their over-all well being. I hope you will enjoy some of the silliness in October.



### Crazy Hair Day



### Wacky Tacky Day



### Kids decorated masks to wear



# Halloween



**Trick or Treating** around the nursing center means playing games, winning prizes and finishing with **Trunk or Treating** outside where some of the employees decorated the trunks of their vehicles and handed out goodies.



Toilet paper bowling





“This Is For The Kids”  
 Presents 4 Charities with proceeds from the  
 Homestead Rjbfest....  
 PATCHES is one of the recipients.

### Bittersweet Moments....

It breaks our heart every time a child turns 21 and we have to say goodbye. Gabe has been receiving his nursing care and therapies at PATCHES from the very beginning. His nursing needs haven't changed but because he turned 21 he is no longer permitted to come to PATCHES for his care. He loses the support and love of the dedicated PATCHES family that has grown to love him over many years of care. He is greatly missed.

The laws must be changed to meet the needs of patients like Gabe...his age changed not his condition.



**A Beautiful Gift....**  
 Hope Sperling and Sandra Hernandez brought in a basket of individual hand-crafted cards for each child. The words of encouragement, cute sentiments and sweet pictures were made with lots of love and time spent.  
*Thank you both for thinking of our children and for taking the time to make each one feel so special with your creations.*

# Ft. Pierce.....happenings



“Theme” Contest  
Ft. Pierce center

1st Place Winners  
PT,OT Therapists  
Princess Theme

2nd Place Winners  
Respiratory  
PATCHES Lil Pumpkins



Awesome job everyone!!





A Big Thank You to Karen and to all who helped to make the Halloween Party possible



Everyone had so much fun



Some of the PATCHES Team participated in the Walk For Down Syndrome Thank you for supporting another worthy cause.



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*Thank you in advance for helping PATCHES*



We want to thank each of you for your generosity...

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Your support means the world to us

Happy Thanksgiving  
from all of us  
to all of you



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