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## April 2014...E-News Letter



### “The Dynamic Duo” Joanie Ippolito & Kyle Smith honored as Women of The Year

PATCHES is proud to honor “The Dynamic Duo” Joanie Ippolito and Kyle Smith as Women of the Year during the GFWC Women of the Year Fashion Show . These ladies humbly admit the success of PATCHES is due to team work by all.

Both ladies are seasoned nurses with years of experience. They come from the “old school of nursing” where medical knowledge, medical equipment and all five senses are used to determine “what’s happening with a patient.” They have shared their knowledge and experience with the team of professionals that work at PATCHES. Together they have saved lives of the medically complex children at PATCHES.

They have traveled to Tallahassee numerous times to talk with those in the House and Senate about the laws concerning our children. They are long-suffering in the hours spent writing legislation, calling legislators and anyone else that could help them help our medically fragile children. They’ve set-up the Ca’ miya Fund (burial fund) to help families during the most difficult time in their lives...the loss of a child. They are in constant battle against a system that turns a cheek when it comes to medically fragile children and their needs. They are trackers, looking for the right formula and medicine for a child when the parent gets the run-around from the system. They reach into their own pockets to provide when necessary expecting nothing in return.

They are humble servants and well known by God. They are constantly in prayer seeking His will in providing for the children. They are over worked and under paid. However, when a child takes their first step, when they are told that they won’t ever walk, or a child leaves the center to go to school because their medical condition has truly improved due to the quality care they received at PATCHES they are filled with joy. Experiencing these joys makes all the fighting and struggles worth it.

Joanie and Kyle are the Founders of two licensed, not for profit PATCHES nursing centers providing nursing care and therapies to nearly 135 children. The county laws and situations in Ft. Pierce differ from Miami-Dade County. They’re continually “in a state of watch” looking for changes that will effect PPEC’S in either or both locations.

These ladies have designed and developed a unique place for medically complex children to receive continued nursing care and therapies. The parents have a sense of peace knowing their child is safe and receiving the

professional care they need while they go to work or school.

PATCHES has been recognized as being “a special place” by individuals in Texas and Kentucky who are interested in opening pediatric nursing centers in their areas. They have contacted the Founders for help. Their intentions are to follow the same plan that these remarkable ladies developed for “PATCHES....where miracles happen.” ***Congratulations to Joanie, Kyle & the entire PATCHES Team!!***



## Dr. Goosby, Medical Director of PATCHES is one of the “12 Good Men”

We applaud and congratulate Dr. Dorsey Goosby. He was selected as one of the twelve outstanding leaders of South Florida, who have shown unwavering civic service and support of local charities. These men were honored at the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual *Twelve Good Men* Luncheon which benefited the Ronald McDonald House Charities held at Jungle Island. These gentlemen represent the best of what South Florida has to offer, exemplifying exceptional qualities of kindness, caring, sacrifice, generosity and contributions to the many needs in our community. Thank you Dr. Goosby for being part of PATCHES.

Dr. & Mrs. Goosby with Ronald McDonald



Honor the Hero's in Your Heart  
And Home

Mother's Day  
May 11, 2014



## New at PATCHES...Kids Cooking Class

Ms. Cindy one of the teachers has sparked a new excitement in the children at the nursing center. When they see her arrive they can't wait to get their hands washed and dried as they know this is the first step in being allowed to participate in the "cooking time" they share together. There are many skills involved in prepping to fix the food item they are working on. Together each child with Ms. Cindy's help looks at the directions and or the list of the ingredients needed for what they are preparing. The children are amazing as they usually sit quietly waiting their turn to join in. Ms. Cindy ask the children questions and again we are amazed at some of the great answers the one ones give us. They are learning to read and pronounce the ingredients along with identifying and saying the letter that the word starts with. They have learned to crack and remove the egg shell so they could wisk the eggs to make French toast. They have peeled hard-boiled eggs. They have made their own fresh salad consisting of romaine lettuce, celery stalks, purple grapes, cucumbers, tomatoes, hard-boiled eggs and oranges they had to peel. Under the direction of Ms. Cindy they used plastic knives to cut all the above items to put in their salad bowls. The 3rd week the children snapped fresh green beans which Ms. Cindy prepared in the microwave seasoned with butter. The children enjoyed munching on the green beans raw and steamed. The cooking class keeps getting bigger each week as the children want to "cook." The therapist have joined forces with Ms. Cindy as they help the children use proper form, balance, hand-eye coordination and control while participating during the PATCHES cooking class.



French toast—so good!!



Good green beans



Up: It's celery  
R: Yummy  
good salad



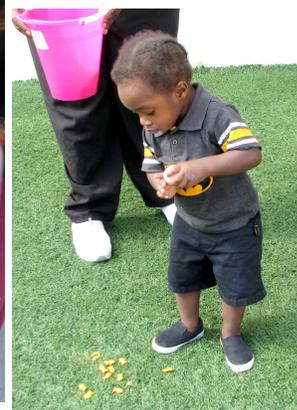
“Things Change” .... Ms. Cindy brought in a sweet potato to show the children. She told them that people enjoy eating sweet potato’s. But this potato was going to become a sweet potato vine. She showed them that she was putting it into a jar with water in it and next week when she came they would see some changes. Sure enough, roots were growing and some very small leaves. *They continue to watch the change happen.*



## Easter Egg Hunt & Fun Day

Fun, fun, fun was had by all. Face painting, spoon and ball relays, pin the ears on the bunny, egg hunt and cool down time with the movie “Looney Tunes’ Eggs\*traordinary adventure.”

*We wish to thank everyone* who made our day so special. The children’s Easter Boxes were over flowing with bubbles, coloring books, crayons, eggs filled with all kinds of edible goodies and some very special gifts for the children that aren’t able to partake of the above items. *Thank you all for your generosity and for caring for our PATCHES children.*



I say “you da bunny”

## Story Time with Mother Goose

We would like to thank Mother Goose (Bonnie King-Moran) and BabyCakes her pet duck for coming to PATCHES. The children and staff enjoy having visitors come to see them. BabyCakes was very patient as the children wanted to touch her and feel how soft her feathers were. *Thank you for coming to see us.*



Mother Goose brought finger puppets for the kids to hold and share during story time.

Some of us got to hold her stuffed Lambs and Ducks.

Mother Goose thank you for sharing



# Ft. Pierce.....Happenings



**Special Thank You Gifts** were made by the children of PATCHES and presented by Gail Steward- RN, Administrator of the Ft. Pierce center. We wish to thank Sheldon (medical student from FSU) who has worked with our children and Tami from the St. Lucie Draft House for all the time and energy put into their fund-raising efforts for the nursing center.

***Thank you for your love and support.***



Activity Time  
L: Simon Says-

R: "I'm making dinner what do you want to eat?"



Taking a break



Eye-hand coordination & flexibility





Respiratory suctioning a child to help him breath better



R: Nurse is doing a tube feeding with a very active little one



Nurses are checking vital signs



I'm just looking cute!

In therapy—Working on balance, coordination, flexibility and strength.



# Egg hunt in Ft. Pierce

Spring Time and the Easter Bunny along with colored eggs are seen everywhere in the Ft. Pierce center. Last year competition began between each room in the nursing center to out decorate each other. They have a lot of fun competing.



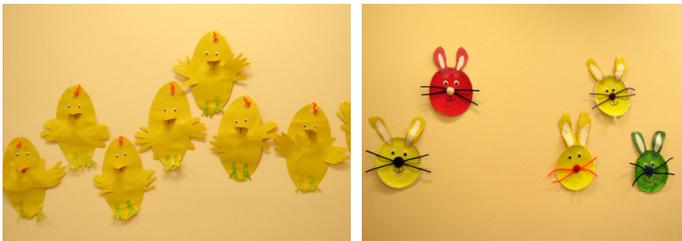
Front walk in area



L: kitchen area



R: Cary Hazellief RN, EQ In-take Nurse— we mentioned her window for the 1st time last month when she decorated for St. Patrick's Day.



Baby chicks and Bunnies were seen in the classroom area



**Ft Pierce Team** thank you for going beyond the call of duty to make the nursing center a fun and happy environment for our children.

Therapy Gym



Therapy rooms





**Calvary Chapel of Port Saint Lucie** we want to thank you all for making Easter so special for our children. The children and staff had a wonderful day. We also want to thank you for your continued generosity in giving the nursing center so many useful and needed items.



*A Special Thanks to:*

*Ms. Karen* for the ever so cute cupcakes and also *Janna & Jim of Krumb Cakes* for the awesome cookies



*Thank you Brendan* for the donation of pies for Easter *in memory of Tony Golub and William Lindsay*. They were dear friends of PATCHES and they are truly missed.

“Oh my, that’s the biggest Easter basket we’ve ever seen with the cutest little egg of all”



It’s nice to have Al (a dear friend of PATCHES and manager of the Orange Blossom Business Center) stop in for a visit with the Easter bunny.



## Ways To Give

Automatic Giving—Electronic giving is a convenient way to give regularly and systematically. If you would like to give consistently by becoming an electronic giver at PATCHES. Please consider filling out the form on our website and returning it to our office. [www.patchesppcc.org](http://www.patchesppcc.org)



We take credit cards for your donating convenience. You may stop by the center, or call to use the credit card feature or use PayPal on our website. [www.patchesppcc.org](http://www.patchesppcc.org)

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**When shopping on-line** [“you can help PATCHES without costing you a cent!”](#)

Every time you shop at one of the over 720 name-brand internet stores in the iGive.com Mall or GoodShop, we will receive a donation. The donation amount varies depending on the store and the amount of your purchase at no additional cost to you. Some of the stores include Home Depot, Amazon, Apple, Dell Computers, Target, Macys and so many, many more. **Mother’s Day, Memorial Day weekend, Graduation, Father’s Day, 4th of July and summer vacations are right around the corner.** **Please consider using iGive.com when shopping on-line and help PATCHES at the same time.**



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*Thank you in advance for helping PATCHES*

Together we make a difference.....

Thank you for caring!

The Ocean Reef Community Foundation Inc.,  
Enterprise Holdings, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ares,  
Homestead Hospital-Case Management Dept.,  
Alpha Delta Kappa-Florida/Alpha Lambda Chp.,  
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McLean, Adriana Rodriguez, Susan Hitchcock,  
James Fishman, Laura Diaz, Gonzalo Armendari,  
Kathleen Crowell, Christina Kittle, Frances Golub  
Eduardo & Maria Aljure, and Wendy-Lim-Ferrero  
& Bruno Ferrero.

We appreciate your generosity!

Sunday, May 11th...Mother’s Day

Remembering those special woman (Mom, Grandmother, Aunt, Sister etc.)

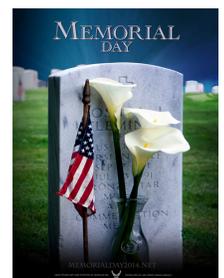
Saturday, May 17...Armed Forces Day

Time to honor & celebrate all men & women who have dedicated their lives to protecting our country.

Monday, May 26th...

Memorial Day

This day is set aside to celebrate and honor United States men and women who have died serving their country in military.



Praying for families who have given so much

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Newsletter by Sharon Fields

# Save the Date

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2014

Trump National Doral Golf Club,  
4400 N.W. 87th Avenue, Doral, Florida

# PATCHES

We ask you to help us by joining others in our very generous community to make this fundraising event an enormous success. Together we can take steps toward the future growth and development of the PATCHES mission while serving the children in Miami Dade County.

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