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July 2013...E-News

Our new Shuttle Van has arrived.... it is fantastic!

Thank you Rise305 and everyone else behind the scenes for making it possible for PATCHES to have this very nice 18 passenger wheel chair accessible van. It is really awesome! A big hug to those who gave up their afternoon and drove the van down to us. A special thanks to Vito Strano for allowing us to park the van on his property where it will be safe. Blessed again from a wonderful community.



You made my day!

Visitors Are Always Welcome At PATCHES

There isn't a month that goes by that we don't have friends from the area come for a visit and a tour of the nursing center. This month we were honored to have University of Miami's President Dr. Donna Shalala come to PATCHES for a visit. Her interest was sparked when she heard about PATCHES this past May at the 16th Annual HealthCare Hero's Award Luncheon at Jungle Island where PATCHES was selected as one of the winners.



It is a constant struggle to fight for what our children need... we do it because we care and because they deserve it. We rely on everyone to help.



Before



Shaving Heads for PATCHES Raises Dollars

Bob Levy is the unseen hero of PATCHES. If it wasn't for Bob, our dream wouldn't be a reality. He's the person who believed we could when no one else did... and because of that belief...we did. We're sure he's battled more for PATCHES than any of us will ever know. We asked Bob one time about how our bill would become law...he laughed and said 2 things you never want to know is: how sausage is made and how a bill becomes law.

Bob recently read an article about President George Walker Bush shaving his head for a cause and he was inspired! Why

not help PATCHES the same way? So on August 4th, 2013 Bob, Jose and JC made the ultimate sacrifice and shaved their heads as a fund raiser to help cover the unmet needs of the unit and in particular to help Lesly! Lesly is the Princess of PATCHES (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QFrcB9oUIQ&feature=youtu.be>)

Born without sufficient collagen, instead of her skin stretching, it rips and tears exposing muscle and tissue below. This is extremely painful and extends to every area of her body. As she grows the condition only worsens. The cost of her skin treatment isn't covered by Medicaid. The covering required is over \$1000 a case and that lasts a little under a month. Pleas to the manufacturer prompted them to send a 10 day supply and their best wishes. Several wound care physicians have sent some but not in the size needed to cover the massive area that need covering. PATCHES will incur the cost of this treatment and we need help!

Please go to our web site: <http://www.patchespec.org/index.html> and consider donating to our center so we can continue caring for some of the sickest children in our area including Lesly.

Bob is president of Robert M Levy and Associates. He, Jose, JC, Erica and Kristina are a lobbying firm located in Miami and Tallahassee, Florida. He and his firm lobby for PATCHES Pro Bono.

We'd like to offer a special thank you to Bob, Jose, JC, Erica and Kristina for always making PATCHES a priority. We couldn't do it without you! ♥



L: Erica of Robert M. Levy Associates enjoys shaving JC Canabal's head for PATCHES.

Below: Tony of Ray's Barber Shop on 125th Street in N. Miami is busy removing the hair from Jose Diaz.



After

The Hairless Trio

L to R: JC, Bob Levy, Tony the Barber and Jose
Three amazing men raising money for PATCHES.

We love you!



TAOS

Therapeutic Ambulatory Orthotic System
By
Sky Medical Inc.

PATCHES Therapists invite Sky Medical

to the nursing center to demonstrate

“Hands free walking” for children with CP using the TAOS

TAOS (Therapeutic Ambulatory Orthotic System) helps children with Cerebral Palsy and other neuromotor impairments gain access to an upright, hands-free environment that will increase their activity levels and participation in Life! Our therapists had an opportunity to watch and ask questions while the TAOS was being demonstrated using a child size Barbie doll.



Dr. Paul Fisher and Dr. Eric Alfonso of Fisher Chiropractor's ...spend the afternoon at PATCHES

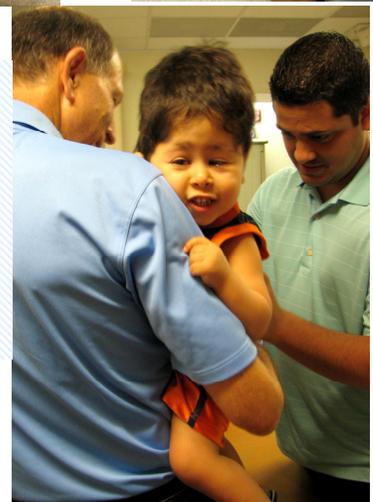
Both doctor's take time out of their busy schedules to come to the nursing center to give chiropractic adjustments to our children at no cost. The children relax under their gentle touch and the nursing staff notices a calming effect in the child's behavior. Dr. Fisher's office also had a fund raiser for PATCHES. A majority of their patients made generous donations to the nursing center by way of supplies or in the form of checks for which we are so very thankful.

We thank you all so very much for your continued love and support.

PATCHES



It
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Eat For PATCHES Day

at

HIBACHI Buffet & Grill

The day was a great success *thanks to Johnny, his staff and the support of the community.* There were so many who participated from around town and from PATCHES.

Thank you all for supporting this day.





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6th Annual Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, September 28, 2013

The Woman's Club of Homestead
17905 SW 292 St

Time: 5:00 until 9:00

Dinner served from 5-7:30 pm.....take-out available

Advanced Ticket Sales

Brandi at PATCHES 305-242-8122 or Sharon 786-255-5394
Adults \$10.00 & Children under 12 \$5.00

Please join us for an evening of good food, a Silent Auction, 50/50 Meatball Bingo, fun spent with friends while helping PATCHES a licensed 501 C 3 nursing center for children with extreme medical conditions.

We take Credit & Debit cards for your convenience.



Ft. Pierce...happenings



St Lucie Mets return to PATCHES!!

Thanks to Cassie Younce, Community Relations for the St. Lucie Mets & the players fun was had by all at PATCHES. The children had the amazing opportunity to be one on one with the players which made their day very special. The children played T-Ball with the players. Each child received their own autographed baseball.

We would like to thank our Mayor Joann Faiella and Melissa Beck from the St. Lucie County Chamber of Commerce for participating in this special day and for playing T-ball with the children.

PATCHES had wonderful sponsors that helped make the day possible. We would like to thank Marisol's Photography, Kenneth Guntkowski from Amerita Investment Corp, Keiser University Nursing Program and "The Cake Lady" of Fort Pierce.

Thank you St. Lucie Mets and dear supporters for making this day special for our children.

Visit Facebook: PATCHES—Ft Pierce to see more of Marisol's Photography



Back L to R: Cody Satterwite, Rainy Lara, T.J. Rivera - All St Lucie Mets players. Next- Lauren Mahoney—St. Lucie Mets, Patty Damato & Tony Gonzalez

3 Up Front L to R: Gail Steward-DON, Cassie Younce— St Lucie Mets, & Diana Gonzalez-Community Liaison PATCHES



Mayor Faiella up to bat & she hits it!



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Music & Song brings joy to our hearts

The *Youth Group from Sent Life Baptist Church* came to PATCHES and filled our hearts with joy as they played a guitar and sang songs with the children and staff. It was a fantastic morning as we all enjoyed singing and dancing along with the tunes.
Thank you for coming and brightening our day.



Thank you one and all for sharing, caring and giving your time and talents to PATCHES.

Thanks to **THE AMAZING CHIAVERINI** where we all experienced the Magic!! The children and staff were simply amazed as colorful flowers and beautiful Doves would appear. We were captivated with the many card tricks...trying to guess how it was done.



Our children had lots of fun and they really loved your doves!

Language Acquisition through Motor Planning (LAMP)

An AAC strategy for teaching language and communication using iPads and speech generating devices.



August 17, 2013

9:00 - 3:30

Hosted by: PATCHES, PPEC

Location: Goulds Park

11350 SW 216th St

Miami, FL 33170

\$79*

.5 ASHA CEU's/5 contact hours

For more information or to register, visit: www.aacandautism.com/trng

* A 50% discount is available for parents and students. Email susan@aacandautism.com to register.

Course Description

Language Acquisition Through Motor Planning (LAMP) is an augmentative alternative communication (AAC) approach designed to give individuals who are non-verbal or have limited verbal abilities a method of independently

and spontaneously expressing themselves through the use of a voice output communication device.

LAMP was initially developed to give non-verbal individuals with autism a means of communication but can be adapted to benefit individuals with a variety of disabilities. The components of LAMP address the features and vocabulary available on the device as well as the method of teaching communication while taking into account the individual's sensory needs.

Topics to be covered include:

The 5 components of LAMP: readiness to learn, joint engagement, and pairing a unique and consistent motor plan with auditory output and a natural response.

1. The role of motor learning in language development and AAC fluency
2. Device features that support implementation
3. Choosing and teaching vocabulary
4. Introduction to the Words for Life AAC iPad app and vocabulary file for PRC devices

Presenter: Janie Cirlot-New, M.S., CCC-SLP

Janie is the Director of the T.K. Martin Center for Technology and Disability at Mississippi State University. Janie has a Master's Degree in Speech Pathology from the University of South Alabama and holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence from the American Speech Language Hearing Association. Janie is licensed as a Speech Language Pathologist in the state of Mississippi. Janie has provided augmentative and alternative communication services to individuals of all ages. She developed the augmentative and alternative communication evaluation and training program at the T.K. Martin Center and continues to provide evaluations, intervention and training in the area of augmentative communication. She served as principal investigator on a U.S. Department of Education funded project to assist local education agency teams in utilizing assistive technology to allow students access to the general curriculum and to improve literacy skills of students with expressive communication disorders



Don't miss this great opportunity

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.patchespec.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.

Donate By Mail: Make checks payable to PATCHES and mail to:

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Back to school shopping has started and **the holidays** aren't far away so if you plan to shop consider doing it thru iGive.com and help PATCHES at the same time.

www.iGive.com/PATCHES



The iGive Button is on the PATCHES website. By registering the iGive Button gets uploaded to your tool bar.

Thank you for your support...we couldn't do it without you.

Barbara Wright, Paola Gil, Bibi Hack, Hermann Kopper, Robin Rigsby, Marie & Julie Cork, Martha Cuadros, Xiomara Pages, Isabel & J. Daniel Garcia Joseph Poce, Paul & Suzanne Fisher, Robert & Deborah Ares, Marsha Tejeda, Mr. & Mrs. Howard Socol, Mr. & Mrs. Arturo Machado, Jr., Ruth Baal and David Wolpe.

Amazing generosity from Hibiscus Children Center!!

Thanks to that wonderful organization that has donated their pre-school furniture to our Ft. Pierce center for our children!



In two weeks school starts once again so be very careful as the roads become more crowded and everyone seems to be in a hurry. Be safe.