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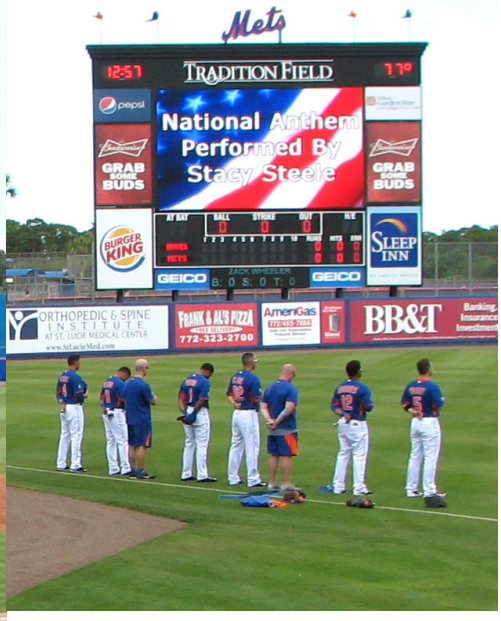
March 2014...E-News Letter

Thanks to Dr. Michael Solomon

PATCHES attended the
New York Mets vs. Atlanta Braves game
at Traditions Field in Port St. Lucie



Thank you Dr. Solomon

for your generous donation.

Dr. Solomon made the check presentation to PATCHES prior to the start of the game.

R: in orange– Dr. Solomon, Joanie Ippolito-Founder, Gail Steward-Administrator, Sharon Fields– Community Liaison, families & children of PATCHES.

Thumbs – up as the Mets beat the Braves 8—2 .....what a game!!!!!!!

Dr. Solomon rented the Party Room over 1st Base and secured tickets for all of the PATCHES children, their families and staff for the March 9th game. He had a catered luncheon for all those who attended which consisted of all you can eat hamburgers, hot dogs, sides, beverages, dessert complete with all the works.

It was an awesome day!

Joanie Ippolito-Founder (holding plaque) and Gail Steward–Administrator present Dr. Solomon with a plaque of Appreciation and Gratitude for his generosity to PATCHES.

Thank you so much for caring.

This was one of the small lens used at the game.

Warming up before the game started.

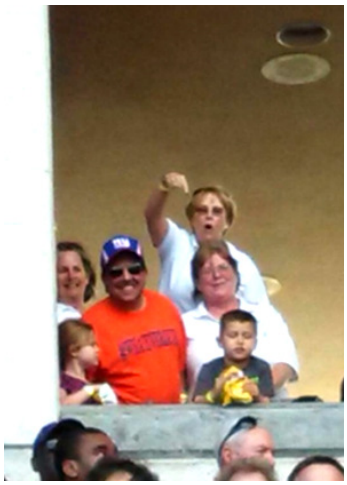
During the game some of the pitches were clocked at speeds of upward of 95 miles an hour.

The stadium was packed— it was a sell out game.

Community fans wanted PATCHES to wave.

Just a little bit excited

Sharon points to where they are.



Everyone from PATCHES wants to thank Dr. Solomon for the great day we had.

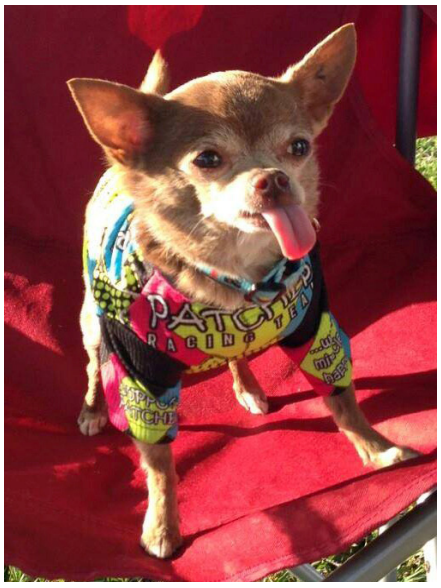
"Friends of PATCHES" Racing Team & Supporters

"Helping PATCHES by spreading awareness is what ***Friends of PATCHES*** Racing Team is all about" says, Dennis Phipps. Dennis and Toby Wakan organized the first fundraising ride for PATCHES which took place last October 2013. The ride started with the first lap being done at the Homestead-Miami Speedway before heading out into the South Dade area. The fundraiser was a great success!

They didn't stop there. They decided as a Team to design a race jersey with PATCHES front and center to continue to spread awareness.

More than half of the team is missing from the photo shown below. You can see that the new jersey will have an impact on spreading the name PATCHES.

Dennis wearing the PATCHES jersey

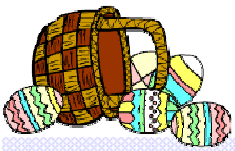


Gizi the Race Team mascot wearing her PATCHES jersey

Thank you
"Friends of PATCHES"
For spreading awareness and for supporting our mission.
Big hugs to all of you!!

St. Patrick's Day

During snack time we were treated to St. Patrick's Day cookies and pretzels dipped in green frosting and sprinkles. Oh so yummy!!!



Fun is part of the PATCHES plan of care

Time to Dance

Can you tell they are doing the Macarena?!

Bingo

PATCHES children enjoy class time… some days they play alphabet bingo and work in activity books.

The news letter shows our readers the high-lights of our month from both nursing centers. While we do have a lot of fun with the children, and welcome many visitors we want to remind everyone

PATCHES is a nursing center.....

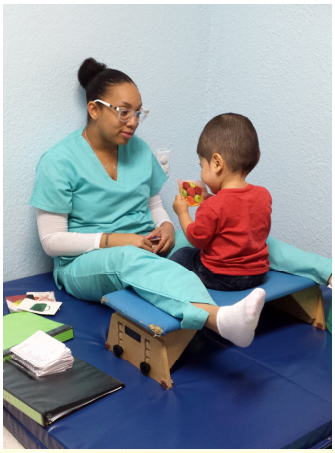
The children are with us because their Physicians Prescribe Extended nursing Care due to their complex medical conditions.

All are Professionals

PATCHES
provides
OT, PT, Speech
&
Respiratory Therapists

PT teaching Anthony how to walk. We were so excited! He now drives a battery operated wheel chair.

Balance & strengthening



Above: Speech therapist assistant works with Edgar our kissing baby boy.

Below: Our little guy loves the giant kaleidoscope in the sensory room

Photos L & Above: Respiratory Therapists giving breathing treatments to a couple of their little buddies.

PATCHES was so honored.....

PATCHES was one of twelve nominated for the *"2014 South Dade Care Awards"* presented by Wecare of South Dade to *"those who make a difference."* The judges had a difficult time choosing just three winners as all of those in the finalists category are truly winners. It was truly an honor to be considered one of the twelve finalists along with some many worthy of this great award..

Ft. Pierce.....happenings

St. Patrick's Day

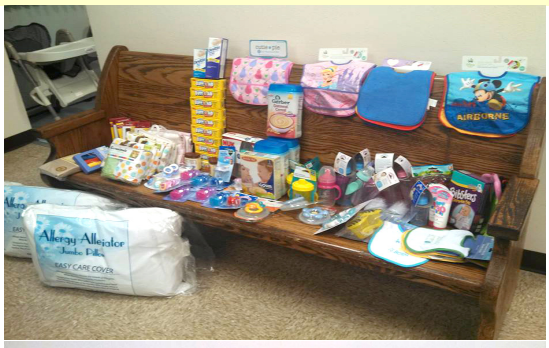
Thank You Joanna from Krumb Kakes for providing special cookies for the children and for taking the time to teach them the fine art of cookie decorating. The children had a blast!!

Thank you for the continued support

We want to ***thank Sheldon*** who is a FSU Medical Student **and *St. Lucie Draft House*** for the wonderful donation.

Thank you Calvary Chapel—Port St. Lucie

A group from *The Calvary Chapel in Port St. Lucie* visited PATCHES giving our children the gift of time, reading stories and playing games. They donated some much needed items provided by church members at a "Shower For PATCHES". Thank you so much Calvary Chapel.



In October PATCHES had a decorating contest among themselves for Halloween. Cary Hazellief RN, EQ Intake Nurse for the center built the front of a haunted house for the window in her office. When the children would knock she would open the door of the house, wearing a mask and greet the child. Depending on the child she would decide on which mask to wear. One mask came with the greeting "boo" and googly eyes and another mask would come with sweet greetings. The children had such a great time with the house it has become a regular window scene decorated for each season.

Thank you Cary for going the extra mile for the children and for making their day special at PATCHES.

We'll be watching each month for the latest decorations.

Little one's staying busy.....

Meet Niko....

he is not interested in playing with toys. He's interested in taking his shirt off.

The nurses stay busy with this little guy as they put his shirt on him at least eight times while I watched.

They certainly have a mind of their own!

I asked these sweetie's what they were doing as they had purses and bags on their shoulders…. They told me they were leaving to go shopping.

Nurses are checking temperatures and other vitals signs or speaking sweet comforting words to little ones that just don't feel good. We provide quality nursing care to all children who meet medical criteria regardless of ability to pay. That's what PATCHES is all about.

Kinesio Taping by Martha Taylor

Kinesio Taping is a technique that physical and occupational therapists are using to achieve their goals of improving body alignment, muscle balance, and function. Its effectiveness is based on the body's own natural healing process, plasticity of the central nervous system, and activation of the neurological, circulatory and sensory function of the underlying muscles. *Kinesio Tape* can improve joint stability, increase body awareness, relieve pain or abnormal feeling on the skin and muscle, remove the build up of lymphatic fluid, support the muscle in movement and correct misalignment of a joint by helping the muscles surrounding the joint to work better. By wearing the tape for several days the child's therapy session is supported between sessions… much like "sending the therapist's hand home or back to class." Following tape application, the child engages in functional activities to support the therapeutic goals. For example, in Daniel the tape was applied to inhibit the action of the biceps in both of his arms allowing him to extend his arms and reach/hit a toy.

Therapist Martha Taylor is a Certified Practitioner in Kinesio Taping and is using this method at PATCHES with great success.

R: Speech Therapist are reading to children. The children are then asked questions they respond to.

Below:

Therapists treat even the smallest children.

This little fellow is so relaxed he sleeps through his therapy session.

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.patchesppec.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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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.***

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

Thank you in advance for helping PATCHES

Our sincere gratitude for your love and support.

Frank Vernie, Dhanesh Budhram, Professional Training Centers, Inc., Creating Possibilities, Mr. & Mrs. Terry Serafini, Mary JoRobles, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Ares, Dan Carter, Mr. & Mrs. Harold Whalen & Reflections on the River.

Pastor Mark Tonnesen & St. Andrews Lutheran Church thank you all so much for the children's tables.

We are forever thankful for your kindness and generosity.

Monday, April 14th
Passover begins at sundown
Friday, April 18th
Good Friday
Sunday, April 20th
Easter

PATCHES E-News Letters……Can be seen by going to our website: www.patchesppec.org
Click Tab: News/Events: On the right side of that page are current and previous newsletters for your enjoyment.
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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