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March 2015...Newsletter Including Easter celebration

Medical Students at PATCHES



This month PATCHES has been given the opportunity to host medical students from Saba University in collaboration with CHI health systems. Saba University's main campus is located in the Dutch Caribbean and allows students to attend internationally. They are one of the only internationally recognized schools allowed to sit for medical boards and practice in the United States and Canada. Prospective students can apply for federal student direct loans in order to attend if needed.

Medical students will rotate between the Jackson System hospitals, CHI health centers, and other local community centers including PATCHES. Throughout the course of 6 weeks medical students will have the opportunity to observe the many disciplines that encompass what PATCHES offers our patients on a daily basis. Students will be able to see the different developmental stages within age groups cared for by our nursing facility. They will be able to interact with staff and patients during nursing care hours. PATCHES is excited to have Saba University medical students in our facility!



We thank Dr. Fields for thinking of our patients and staff in this wonderful endeavor.

Shery Goril, Medical Student
L: entertaining infant in Baby Room
R: (white coat) observing therapist in therapy gym



A few good things



Growing Up Around PATCHES

Kaylee has been seen around PATCHES for many years. She's been there to play with the children and she has been a part of fundraising for the center since she was little. She presented a check to Kyle this month. She and her dad joined forces to do a fundraising project for the center. Her dad brought soda cans home from his job site every week and Kaylee would crush them. Together they took the crushed cans to the recycle center. *Thank you Kaylee (& Terry) for caring about PATCHES.*

"PATCHES Cares" is a new program started this year at the nursing center. We are reaching out to help others. A number of us have been able to go to the **Homestead Soup Kitchen** on Fridays to help serve meals to the hungry. Others at PATCHES who weren't able to leave the nursing center due to caring for the children but wanted to participate in the new project made monetary donations to the soup kitchen for their Easter meal.

Thank you for participating in "PATCHES CARES:" Carol B., Isabel A., Bill J., Maria M., Jacqueline S., Brandi F., Idalia L., Dottie G., Sharon F., Terri R., Cheryl B., Eddie V., Ashley C., Liz and Sheena H.

Ongoing Education at PATCHES



The in-service was provided in response to a need for ongoing education in the area of feeding. **Maria E. Munoz, Speech Language Pathologist, conducted the in-service** where practical scenarios and situations were discussed. Some topics that were discussed were: diagnosis affecting feeding, infant readiness for feeding, observational cues for referral, penetration and aspiration, limitations of the Modified Barium Swallow Study, oral stimulation during oral feeding, and feeding strategies including diet modification. Emphasis was given to understanding the mechanical soft diet consistency. Similar opportunities for continued education are being planned as needs are identified.

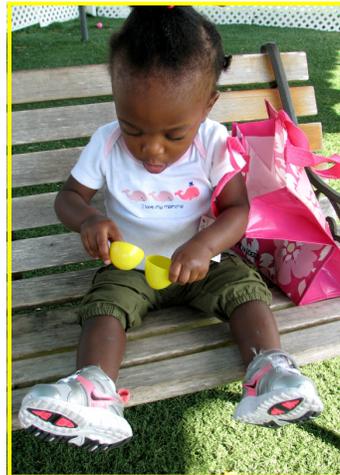
Mother Goose Comes To PATCHES

She arrived at the nursing center loaded down with bunny ears, stuffed ducks and bunnies in every size. The children made their selection as to what they wanted to hold or wear on their heads as Mother Goose read them a story and showed them "real duck" eggs. After story time and learning about ducks Mother Goose invited the children to meet BabeKakes her pet duck. The children were excited to pet her and some even held her. **We can't begin to thank Bonnie King-Moran** (Mother Goose) for her willingness to bring smiles and happiness to our children.





Coloring eggs for



We couldn't convince her to keep looking for more eggs once she found out there were goodies to eat inside the egg she



Egg Hunts are such fun....hidden right out in the open..until the children figure it out (with help) they go right past the eggs.

Everglades Bicycle Club (EBC) chose PATCHES....

as their charity to benefit from the 2015 Snowbird Ride which took place Sunday, March 29th. The ride started at the Homestead Air Reserve Park and took different routes depending on the miles the riders would go. PATCHES was the Rest Stop located at Homestead Bayfront Park. Those who came to this rest stop rode 40 or 100 miles. While riders took a few minutes for stretching and refreshments many wanted to know more about PATCHES. We met so many friendly, caring people. *We would like to thank EBC President Gregory Neville, Secretary, Pat Massey, EBC members and all riders* for making this event possible and for choosing PATCHES....where miracles happen.



Ride the 2015 EBC Snowbird Century

- **Where:** Homestead Air Reserve Park
26851 S.W. 127th Ave, Homestead, FL
- **When:** March 29th, 2015
- **Routes available:**
 - Century (100 miles)
 - Metric Century (62 miles)
 - 41 miles
 - 30 miles
- **Register** at active.com (or search for 2015 Snowbird Century)
 - Early bird rates starting at only \$40 through March 15th
 - No fundraising needed
- Proceeds to benefit the kids at Patches



For more information, see evergladesbc.com/snowbird-century or contact our ride chair at events@evergladesbc.com



2015 EBC starting line-up at Homestead Air Reserve Base



Rest Stop at Homestead Bayfront Parka beautiful day



2015 Kit

Applauding our Volunteers: 2015 EBC Snowbird Ride
We had great volunteer support for the 2015 EBC SNOWBIRD Ride. Great big hugs go out to each of you: Terry, (son Daniel- still waiting for a fish dinner) Kathy, Carlos, Ashley, Liz, Kyle, JoEllen, Ashley, Phillip (baby Kaylee), Mrs. Carberry, Dr. Picou, Laura, Emily, Mimi and Sharon. I heard from one of the organizers of the ride that they received good reports about our rest stop.
Good job everyone!!



Our 1st group of riders—40 milers



2013 Kit



Endurance, strength and passion to ride



Taking a break



Crazy Things Happen....

1. Nurse Laura notices smoke in the Trail Mix bowl
2. Oh my gosh...the nuts are on fire
3. Yep, it is true...the cashew caught on fire. The moral to the story is do not put your nuts in a metal bowl in the sun. Apparently the oil on the nut was over-heated due to the sun reflecting on the metal bowl. So it actually caused the nut to catch on fire—flame and all.

A Visitor at the Rest Stop...



The volunteers were very careful to make sure all trash was put into the garbage cans. However, we noticed that things were on the ground around the trash can. It didn't take long to see that we had a helper working against us. We'd put garbage in, Rocky would come back, climb into the can and check out the new deposits. Some he took with him and some he left laying around on the ground for us to pick-up again.



Notice burn mark on cashew

Ft. Pierce.....happenings



Thank you for
sharing "the love" with
PATCHES

L: Fortis Nursing Students donate
much needed supplies.

R: Talented ladies from the commu-
nity donate comfy crocheted blankets
to the children.



Calvary PSL Church provides Easter
Celebration for the children of
PATCHES



A day filled with fun!

Story time, balloon creations, egg
hunt and lunch was a yummy pizza
and cupcake party for all to enjoy.



Egg Hunt for wheel chair patients

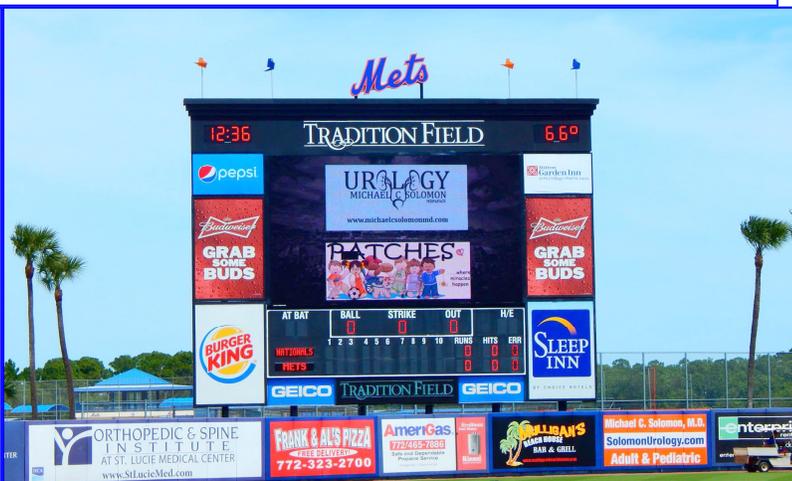
Eggs were set on top of tables - so they were able to participate with little to no help.



Dr. Michael Solomon of Port Saint Lucie... continues his generous support

During the New York Mets' exhibition spring training baseball game against the Washington Nationals on March 28th Kyle Smith one of the Founders of PATCHES (left) appears with Dr. Solomon (in sunglasses) holding the check. Dr. Solomon has been a faithful donor for the last few years for which we are so grateful.

Dr. Solomon, thank you for your continued love & support of our children and the nursing center.



The stadium was packed.



Ways To Give

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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.patchesppec.org

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The iGive Button is on the PATCHES website under the Tab called Ways To Give. When registering the iGive Button gets uploaded to your tool bar.

A Big Thank You for your generous donations.

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Second Baptist Church, Heriberto Nunez, Mr. & Mrs. Ramon Casas, Roxana Levy, Tamar Grayson, Maria Luisa Gonzalez de Silva, Christopher Hurtado, Efrain Sora, Wenda Bien-Aime, Tamara Minsal, Piberry Institute Inc., Dia Mucci, BATCH Gastropub, Spanish Lakes Fairways HOA, Inc., and Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Nafrady,

Together we make a difference.

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Click Tab: News/Events: On the right side of that page are current and previous newsletters for your enjoyment.

Newsletter by Sharon Fields