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## November 2012...e-News Letter

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at PATCHES. Decorations are appearing around the nursing center and from time to time you can even smell the aroma of cookies baking. We look forward to December with Santa's up-coming visits and the visits by many in the community who come and sing Christmas carols and share Christmas stories with our children and staff. The holiday season is a wonderful time of year. Those of us here at PATCHES are witnesses to the joy and happiness brought in by this wonderful community all year long as you support and the nursing center and our children.

We are truly blessed in so many ways.

Our heart felt thank you's to Greg Goebel and George Hertel our landlords for providing our Thanksgiving staff luncheon. We certainly enjoyed it!

### Dania Jai Alai Players Visit PATCHES

Jai Alai player Jose Oyarbide made a visit to PATCHES earlier this year with a long time friend of PATCHES Bob Levy. After a tour of the center he made it a point to return with two of his team mates and a wonderful donation to PATCHES from the *Jai Alai Players Association* which consists of members from Miami, Dania, Ft. Pierce and Orlando. The players presented the ladies with a CESTA for their display wall.

L: Obon Aldazabal, Jose Oyarbide and Jom Zulaika



Thank you IJAPA  
for these gifts.  
The Women of PATCHES  
L: Kyle Smith & Joanie Ippolitto



# Homestead/Miami Speedway..... NASCAR Drivers visit

Every year in November the Homestead Miami Speedway is where the NASCAR series ends its long season of races for the year. PATCHES was thrilled to find out that two NASCAR drivers were going to make a "pit stop" at the nursing center before leaving town. While at the center both drivers took a quick tour and visited with the children.



**L: Justin Allgaier** : NASCAR Nationwide Series; American Stock Car Driver #31

**R: Nelson Piquet**: NASCAR Nationwide Series; Camping World Truck Series #30

Thank you for stopping  
by PATCHES



Goldie is loved by even the smallest at PATCHES

Goldie is a gentle Golden lab therapy dog owned by Charelle Burgess. Charelle brings Goldie to the PATCHES for a visit every month. Thank you for coming to the center.



## Ft. Pierce.....Happenings

**A Magical Day at PATCHES!** The toddler room at the nursing center was transformed into the inside of a castle complete with a dressing room full of princess dresses and knight outfit all provided by the nursing staff for the children as they prepared for the magical day. Once dressed in Royalty attire the fun began. There were lots of smiles as dancing, singing, face painting, princess make-up and story telling took place. **Thank to Princess Enchantment for giving our Children and our staff such amazing day that we will never forget!!**



L: Make-up  
R: Story Time  
Even Tara our therapy dog came to visit the children dressed as a princess



### PATCHES TV Interview appears on Channel 21 in Ft. Pierce.

November 8th, Diana Gonzalez, Community Liaison & Gail Steward, Director of Nursing of PATCHES were interviewed by Marina Santos for Fort Pierce Channel 21. Both Gonzalez and Steward agree that it is very important to get the word out about PATCHES for several reasons. PATCHES provides quality nursing care and all therapies in one location...the Founders of PATCHES coined a phrase "PATCHES is the Wal-Mart of nursing care for extremely ill children birth to age 21." As a 501 C 3 licensed not for profit organization we need the help and support of the community. We are a Medicaid fee for service facility receiving \$176.05 per 12 hour day when the child is with us. We are staffed by RN's, LPN's, EMT's and therapists. We are grateful to have every opportunity to spread the word.

Marina Santos-Host of Channel 21,  
Diana Gonzalez (red) available to speak with your organization/group 772-332-3124  
Gail Steward (pink)

## Over 100 Disney Movies Donated by Pamela Toombs



We would like to thank Pamela Toombs that heard our radio show and stopped by the center and dropped off her Life Time Collection of every Disney movie she had. Over 100 movies!!! She also bought PATCHES a VRC so that we could show the movies to the children.

We also would like to thank Robin Florzak of Fort pierce, another radio show listener that donated 3 TV's, DVD player, Filing cabinet & a medical rolling table for our center. Thanks to both of you for your generosity!!!

**In Memory of Tony Golub...** Special thanks goes to Bill Lindsay in honor of Tony Golub who will carry out the tradition of carrying for our children during the holidays. Our PATCHES friend Tony Golub passed away August 30th. For the last three years Tony was instrumental in providing for our children during the holiday season. He had a great love for the children and he was someone we could count on for our holiday parties etc. Bill will continue with his legacy to take care of our children for the holidays. We also would like to thank Brandan McCarthy. In memory of Tony he provided us with seven delicious pies for Thanksgiving.

**Everyone at PATCHES appreciates everything you did for all of us today in memory of Tony!!**



April Cordero - Instructor for  
Keiser University  
Helps feed our children.. Thanks April for all you  
do for us!!





## Christening a Charity Day....

On behalf of all our children at PATCHES - Fort Pierce, we want to extend our Many Thanks and much Gratitude to baby John Sebastian Reitano and his family! Thanks for your generosity for having your special Christening a Charity Day for our children.

Many Blessings and lots of love for  
John Sebastian!!!!



## Volunteers make a difference....

because they give with the hearts

### There are Many Struggles for a 501 C 3 Not-For Profit

While the main concerns of PATCHES PPEC are that of providing the nursing care and therapies our children need we must face budget issues. These include payroll, rent, utilities, insurances and buying the many, many supplies we use on a regular basis for the children and for the center. Our budget is very tight. We experience “miracles monthly” making ends meet.

Many of the items most business’ take for granted as expenses such as designing a website and maintaining a website have been done by volunteers because we simply can not afford it. Designing and printing PATCHES business cards and brochures have been done by us in-house for years.

We’ve been told and encouraged numerous times to produce a short DVD about PATCHES that can be presented to others in the community showing what a PPEC is. We’ve known that a DVD was need...but it was an expense we couldn’t afford. We were at a loss as to who might help us produce a DVD as a volunteer. That problem has been taken care of. **Thanks to Michael Ippolitto an amazing volunteer.** While home visiting in October he came to PATCHES and did the video recording and voice over for our first PATCHES DVD. Michael and the architectural firm he was with in California were responsible for The PATCHES Village rendition show cased at the Inaugural Mardi Gras Party last February. His services were donated at that times also. We can’t begin to thank Michael for all his hard work in preparing the DVD for PATCHES.



**We are looking for another amazing volunteer.** We need someone who is knowledgeable and willing to manage our website by keeping it updated regularly. We’ve been blessed in the past with a couple of wonderful volunteers who’ve managed the site. However their own careers have gotten so busy that they just don’t have the time any longer. If you are willing to help us or know of someone we might contact please email either [patchespec@gmail.com](mailto:patchespec@gmail.com) or [ppfields@bellsouth.net](mailto:ppfields@bellsouth.net) and in the subject line of the email put website help. *Thank you in advance for thinking of ways to help us.*



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generosity & continued  
support..

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Thank you for being there for us.  
The Women of PATCHES



Making  
pinecone  
ornaments  
for the  
PATCHES  
tree

