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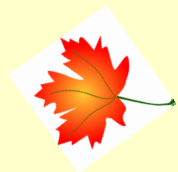
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October 2013.....E-News Letter



Kiwanis.....Happy Dollars

PATCHES was the recipient of the Happy Dollars collected by Kiwanis of Homestead during their weekly meetings through-out 2012-2013. Club members were very happy over the past year and PATCHES received a check for over \$1,800. Kiwanis also provided the nursing center with an additional check to be used for holiday parties for the children.

We are so very grateful for the continued love and support from Kiwanis of Homestead.

L: Sharon Fields, Kyle Smith-Founder, Susan Newman-Kiwanis



A True Princess Comes To PATCHES

The children were stunned by her
presence
you could hear a pin drop!



The Princess.....Miss Homestead (Carla Duque)came to the nursing center dressed in a beautiful gown wearing her crown. The toddlers were thrilled to see her. After she greeted all the children she asked them if they would like to try on her crown. "Oh yes," you could see their excitement! Even the boys tried on her crown. After she read them a story she moved on to visit the next group of children. She went from room to room throughout the center greeting, hugging and taking time with the children. The Waddler's were truly fascinated with her gown. They were constantly busy trying to push the air out of the skirt.

Thank you Miss Homestead for making the children's day so special....
you really are a Princess!





Emily Freeman thank you for organizing this wonderful group of youth from the 4-H District Council of Miami-Dade, Broward & Palm Beach counties. This group came to PATCHES and sang to our children. The kids were very excited and had a great time singing along with all of you. The PATCHES Team wants to thank the group for bringing the yummy cookies. They were enjoyed by everyone. We look forward to your next visit.

Thank you for making our day special.



Above - L; Steve Sapp-CFO, David Marin, Senator Garcia, Kyle Smith- Founder, Barbara Capp-DON

Senator Rene Garcia and David Marin Legislative Assistant tour PATCHES.

Senator Garcia was here to see first hand the work done by PATCHES and to offer legislative assistance. Thank you for your time and effort. We greatly appreciate it.



University of Miami 's President Dr. Donna Shalala

returns to PATCHES for her second time bringing first time visitors to the nursing center with her.

While the new visitors tour the center President Shalala takes the opportunity to play with the children.

Bottom photo-President Shalala is speaking with Mary one of the nursing instructors from City College. Mary's nursing students are doing their pediatric rotations at PATCHES



PATCHES heads to Pumpkin Patch

PATCHES children were loaded onto our new van donated earlier this year by Rise305 Leadership Miami. RN's, EMT's and Therapists accompanied the children on their 1st field trip using the van. They had a ball as they sang songs like "the wheels on the bus go round and round" for nearly 20 minutes until they arrived at their destination which was "Sam & Philly's" on Krome Avenue and 168 St. The children had a blast as they enjoyed "fall Florida style". Thanks to the hospitality of Susie & Tim owners of this wonderful U-Pick... the kids enjoyed, wondering through the pumpkin patch, sipping on tasty milk shakes and a "hay-less" hayride (due to allergies and illness). Before boarding the bus back to the nursing center a couple of the older children picked out pumpkins to take back to PATCHES.

Thank you Susie & Tim for making our trip so much fun.



Halloween happens in Florida City.....



Waddler Room Kittens (nurses)



Therapists are creative!



Really!



There isn't anything Spider Man can't climb out of....
"wanna see?"



Women of the
Leisure City Moose Lodge
Thank you for providing our
children with their wonderful
Halloween Treat Bags



EBC (Everglades Bicycle Club) Homestead Speedway Bicycle Festival

The sun was barely up when the cyclists began their one of a kind experience with a lap around Homestead Speedway before heading out on their scenic routes in Southern Dade County. The cyclists chose the length of ride they preferred such as the 25, 41, 62 and 100 mile ride. These amazing people have a love for cycling and were really thrilled to help raise money for PATCHES. PATCHES enjoyed being one of the Rest Stops for the riders. EBC provided each rest stop with water, ice beverages, food, tents and chairs all we had to do was “man-the-booth.” We are amazed at the determination and devotion these riders have. We can’t begin to thank Dennis, Toby, Rafael and everyone else from EBC for making this event happen for PATCHES.

A Big Thank You to those volunteers who came and manned the Rest Stop



Thank you to
EBC
and everyone
involved for
cycling for
PATCHES

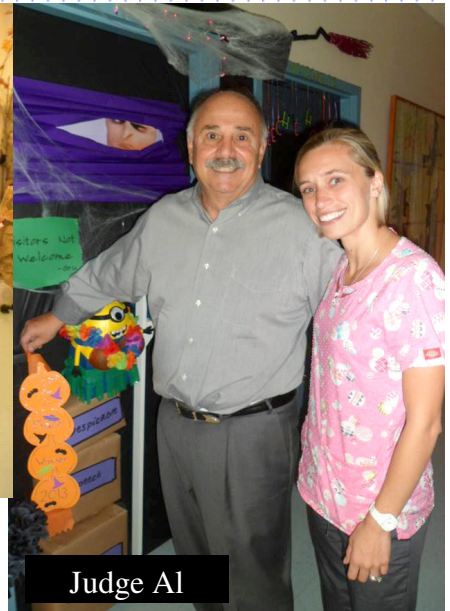
Ft. Pierce....happenings



Universal Studios has nothing on PATCHES. The nursing center was turned into an “Enchanted Shrek-tacular Forest.”

The staff was in competition against each other to decorate the center for Halloween. Although, it was hard for Judge Al to make his final decision on the contest winners, he chose “Despicable Me” created by our talented Speech Therapy girls.

Judge Al, thank you for taking the time to decide on a contest winner. We know it was hard to pick only one winner among so many creative scenes. We also want to thank you for providing our staff with a delicious lunch. We appreciate you so much.



Judge Al



Pumpkin decorating time at PATCHES!

Thanks to
April Cordero & Steve Hicks
for donating the pumpkins for our
children to decorate.

Thank you Community of
Heritage Oaks in Tradition for
donating costumes for the
children's Halloween party.



HALLOWEEN PARTY!

Many from the community hosted *the best Halloween Party ever* for the children at PATCHES. Each group came and set-up either a game or food booth for the kids and adults to enjoy. A giant bounce-slide was there for the little thrill seekers. All of us from PATCHES want to thank those sponsors who gave their support to make this Halloween Party the best ever! **Thanks to All In Fun, Colonial School, Sent Life Baptist Church, Harvest Food, Marisol's Photography,... Saint Lucie Lanes, Crumb Cake, Hilton Garden Inn, Sam's Club, Seacoast National Bank, The Cake Lady, All the families of our children and all our amazing staff.** We loved having ARC of St Lucie County join us for the fun.





Alexis' Mitzvah Project ...Car Wash

To benefit PATCHES

We would like to thank Alexis, her family and everyone who stopped by to get their car washed. The proceeds received from this event truly help the nursing center & our children.

Great job Alexis!



Thank you Chris Everest, LPN Student from Fortis for all that you do. The children especially enjoyed the snacks.



"Make-up"

What woman doesn't like make-up?!

Thanks to Philippe Cohen for the donation of make-up for the staff....the nurses were truly excited.

Getting the word out about PATCHES....

For the longest time PATCHES was a well kept secret. However, thanks to Diana Gonzalez, Community Liaison in the Ft. Pierce nursing center people are hearing about this unique pediatric nursing center. PATCHES relies on the love and support of their communities to help provide for these fragile children.

To learn more about PATCHES: Ft. Pierce contact Diana Gonzalez 772-828-9125

Florida City contact Sharon Fields 786-255-5394



Diana Gonzalez guest speaker L: Pilot House R: Registered Nurses Retired Association meeting at C.J. Cannon's-Vero



2nd Annual **Give Miami Day** will be **November 20, 2013**. During these 24 hours, you can log on to givemiamiday.org and select a nonprofit such as **PATCHES** and

make a gift right there on the site. The Miami Foundation will match a portion of each gift between \$25 and \$10,000.

In 2012 PATCHES was truly blessed by the generosity given from our supporters during the Give Miami Day. As November 20th approaches we invite you to share this special opportunity with your friends, family and co-workers. Together we can make a difference in the lives of some of the smallest, weakest, and sickest children in our communities.



2nd Annual "Rock N' Ribfest" December 7th at Harris Field to benefit kids.

Purchase Advance Tickets from PATCHES—\$10.00 adults (children 10 & under Free) A percentage of presold tickets will go to PATCHES. Contact Sharon 786-255-5394 or Brandi 305-242-8122

Thank you for your generous support....

Rene Fonseca, Alton Madison Property Management, Inc., Kiwanis, Susana & Melissa Sandino, Bonnie Hilson, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Jordan Wilson, Jason Bell, Ingrid Tower-Bateham, Cutler Ridge Women's Club, Hialeah Women's Club, Women of the Moose – Leisure City, Troop 307 Girl Scouts, Amy Riley and Active Network, Inc.

R: Sandy Smith (L) and Diane Miller from the Ocean Waves Quilting Group made bibs and donated them to the nursing center.

Thank you all for being there for us.



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.



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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

Thanksgiving Day, November 28th

Our hope is that this Thanksgiving will bring you a time of reflection. May you be blessed with good health, peace, comfort, and strength for the obstacles' in life that you are facing. May you find happiness in the family and friends who share their lives with you. We need to be mindful of the blessings we do have because there are others who have lost much and have much less. Our hearts are with all of you this Thanksgiving.