

NEWS FROM YOUR ELKS MAJOR PROJECT . . .

Dear Ms. Huey {Barbara Huey, Regional Manager, North/Hawaii},

We want to express our deepest gratitude for the continued service each year that the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. gives to our students. The "Eye Screening" is, and has been, one of the most beneficial services we can tout to our parents. Several children over the years have been flagged at a crucial time where an immediate further examination has been necessary. Parents frequently express appreciation for the recommendations and information that the Pediatric Vision Screener provides and most follow through with a visit to the Ophthalmologist or Optometrist. Though the majority of our parents are the "working middle class" they do not always find the time or even have the inclination to have their child's eyes examined prior to our yearly screening. We feel very fortunate to be able to provide your yearly gift of screening here.

Of course, none of this could happen without the skill and knowledge of the screener, too. The teachers and I cannot say enough about our Pediatric Vision Screener, Gina Murphy! We appreciate the consistency that her friendly face provides each year. And she is so good at what she does! Through the years we have had numerous testimonials of her skills. Several years ago, she screened a child whose father is an Ophthalmologist, and unbeknownst to his father, he ended up needing glasses. More recently, Gina has discovered a few children with severe eye problems, who have needed corrective intervention, that fortunately were caught early enough for correction, much to the relief of the parents! The results of her recommendations have also proven to help support potential learning disability concerns in some children as well as help teachers provide better visual placement in the classroom during group settings for those children who could benefit from it. Gina is a true professional and works well with and understands the developmental process of our children. She sets the children at ease immediately in the screening and helps the class teachers understand the process and findings. This is so beneficial for the teachers who can then confidently and wisely share Gina's findings with the parents.

This Vision Screening service is truly a cooperative effort, helping ensure that each child has the correct visual potential that is inherently needed in their ability to learn, and thereby resulting in the greater probability for optimizing their future quality of life. The California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. is making a difference for children!

Please extend our gratitude to the Board of Trustees of the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project, Inc. Fruitage from the yearly screenings is consistent among parents and teachers, registering much appreciation, positive remarks and observations, and giving great accolades to the Pediatric Vision Screener. We look forward to this continued opportunity for our children and seeing Gina next year.



A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play!