

NEWS FROM YOUR ELKS MAJOR PROJECT . . .

Therapist helps parents feel better:

We consider ourselves very lucky indeed to have been on the receiving end of the Elks members' hard work. Our twins were born prematurely and were subsequently diagnosed with something called CHARGE syndrome. They are developmentally delayed, most especially in their physical development (they are currently twenty-two months but are at about nine months developmentally). It was so important for us to get the support that we received from our Physical Therapist, Pat DiMercurio. Not only did she support us by putting the boys through their exercises weekly, teaching us how to do them on our own. She also supported us emotionally through some hard times by reminding us that even though a scary diagnosis might hang over our heads, the final chapters have yet to be written. There is so much we can be doing to help our sons meet their fullest potentials.

Our heartfelt thanks to Pat and the Elks and Emblem Club members.

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Vision screening program appreciated:

Erina Kindreich {Pediatric Vision Screener} has done the Elks Major Project Vision Screening at our school for the past three years. She is always very professional, does a beautiful job with the children, and follows through with any needed referral.

The Elks screening is the most developmentally appropriate that I have observed. Since I'm retiring in June, I just want you to know what a pleasure it has been both to work with Erina and your program in general. I hope our school will continue to participate in the program.

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Nicole {Nicole Smith, Pediatric Vision Screener} as always, did a fabulous job. Not only is she very knowledgeable in what she is doing, she also is very courteous and great with the children.



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