

NEWS FROM YOUR ELKS MAJOR PROJECT . . .

Parents give their thanks and appreciation:

We would like to express our profound thanks for the services our daughter Maria received from physical therapist Brian Ferri-Taylor [Physical Therapist]. As you can imagine, and as I'm sure is common with all parents, we were concerned when we heard that she had a problem, and were anxious to start getting treatment.

Maria was born premature and tiny, and at the age of 9 months she was diagnosed to be at the 4 month level in her gross motor development. We loved Brian and the way he interacted with her and us. She became so delighted with him that she would approach him with open arms when she saw him start to walk through the yard to our front door. She would also sit in his lap, even if we were available. She was very comfortable with him and often giggled during his visits. He helped her a lot in her skill development and constantly reassured us. We grew to become friends and looked forward to his visits.

As a family living on one income, it would have been difficult for us to afford these same services, so we are very grateful that the California-Hawaii Elks Major Project agreed to take her on. My deceased grandfather was an Elk, and he would have been proud to see "his" organization helping his great-granddaughter.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

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Director looks forward to vision screening:

We look forward to Linda [Linda Nay-Morgan, Pediatric Vision Screener] visiting our program. Every year she identifies several children who should receive follow-up. Every year one or two children are fitted with glasses. The parents are thrilled with the service.

Linda is very professional during her visit and I always hear very positive comments from my volunteer parents.

Linda demonstrates patience with all children - even those who have attention problems.



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