

NEWS FROM YOUR ELKS MAJOR PROJECT . . .

Dear Elks,

My daughter Tallulah has been seeing Judy Linda, Occupational Therapist through the generosity of the Elks since the fall of 2009. The difference between my daughter then and my daughter now is almost an entirely different person.

Traumatized through adoption, immunization and agent orange (she is adopted from Viet Nam). I've never been able to track it down completely but just believe me when I tell you she operated in a high state of trauma almost all the time: anxious and repetitive, not to mention the high incidents of melt downs that were the norm.

To see her today you would probably not believe her history. She is calm, radiant, and even has lots of friends and has become a terrific horsewoman. She is graceful and gracious. She is well on the way to coming into her own, her very own. The melt downs haven't totally disappeared, but the recovery is now minutes instead of hours and the occurrence is once or twice a week instead of three or four times a day. Most of all and most of the time she is a happy, happy 12 year old.

Our path to Mariposa and Judy Linda, Occupational Therapist, was not an easy one. My husband was in a serious accident and we had to leave our life in Colorado behind, but both my husband and I say almost every day that we are so glad our path brought us to Judy Linda and the Oakhurst Elks Lodge and to our daughter...

Thank you so much!!!

Sincerely,

Tallulah's Mom



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