

## NEWS FROM YOUR ELKS MAJOR PROJECT . . .

Our facility has had the privilege of having Teresa (Teresa Schachtel, Pediatric Vision Screener) visit and screen our preschool students. She is always timely, well prepared and extremely informative. I look forward to her annual visit for many of our students have benefited from the screening. Parents have expressed their gratitude and appreciate such an opportunity. We thank you so much and hope to continue working together.

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Ryder has gained a lot of speech-language skills from Jocelyn Agra (Speech-Language Pathologist). She has also taught our family how to help him. Jocelyn makes learning so much fun.

Jocelyn is a very personable, patient and caring person. Ryder, mom and grandma enjoy her weekly sessions. Through her expertise she was able to recognize Ryder's sensory problems and also loaned us books to educate us on the sensory issues. With Jocelyn's support, we have brought this matter to Ryder's school's attention. The school is evaluating him to determine if special services are needed.

We look forward to further working with Jocelyn.

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We were surprised and happy to find out about your charity and are grateful for your help.

Brian (Brian Ferri-Taylor, Physical Therapist) was instrumental in helping Morgan improve strength, range of motion and spatial awareness. He was very creative in coming up with games to keep Morgan engaged and on-task. She always looked forward to his visits. I (Sarah, her mom) also learned a lot about how to help her improve in the above mentioned areas from Brian. I think that he showed her ways to exercise that will carry-over for the rest of her life in the form of a positive approach. He turned work into play and that takes skill. We are so grateful for the Elks project and we feel so lucky to have had Brian in our lives. Thank you.

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Katie (Katie MacKay, Vision Screener) is always great with the children. She easily puts them at ease and they have fun with her. She is always organized and cheerful. It is a pleasure to see her each year.



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