

## NEWS FROM YOUR ELKS MAJOR PROJECT . . .

Wyomi (Wyomi Yonzon Yockey, Pediatric Vision Screener) was very nice and kind. She was patient with the children and explained the directions to the children clearly and adequately. Screening was organized, well-prepared and ran effectively. Thank you for screening our preschoolers. I know the parents appreciate it also.

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Jocelyn (Jocelyn Agra, Speech-Language Pathologist) has been of tremendous help to Ashlyne. We have witnessed the significant gains our child achieved - from one who was timid, shy and lacking some communication skills to one of non-stop talking abundance of joy.

The lesson plans, playing simple games, that Jocelyn employs at each session seemed rather simple. But later on it became apparent: to place our child in a comfort zone all the while running through exercises that improved her communication and social skills.

Throughout each session we could see vast improvements in such short periods of time. Of course the sessions alone would not be enough as we have been told without practice and re-enforcement. Jocelyn's "homework" assignments for us parents were not difficult and they kept our daughter on her toes so that she would not forget what she had just learned.

Needless to say if not for the efforts of Jocelyn and people like her our daughter would still be "one step" behind from her peers. With that we are grateful to the California-Hawaii Elks program.

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Leeanne (Leeanne Cadwallader, Pediatric Vision Screener) was great working with the Spanish speaking children. She spoke to the children in Spanish and when she did not know the word she would ask for it. She was very polite, respectful to all the staff and children.

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I would like to say first that Tracy Archipley (Speech-Language Pathologist) is wonderful with my son Alezay. Also that Alezay really likes Tracy. We are very lucky to have such a good Speech-Language Pathologist as Tracy. I and my son Alezay have learned so much from Tracy. My son is progressing very well and we are very happy with Tracy.



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