

NEWS FROM YOUR ELKS MAJOR PROJECT . . .

We are so pleased with Bethany's experience with Terri (Terri MacCoan, Speech-Language Pathologist). Not only did Beth achieve her goals, but Terri made "the adventure" so positive and fun. Terri came armed with games, activities and prizes - and crazy straws! - every week, Beth loved it! Somehow she got Bethany to give up her finger - sucking willingly. Then when therapy progressed and she moved into the subtle habit of "correct swallows", Terri patiently coaxed Beth into success when Bethany wasn't so eager.

I especially appreciated Terri's acceptance of our hesitation of one technique - a relaxation CD - she listened to my objections. Terri worked with us and continued therapy with other techniques. She became like a favorite auntie and even my other children would get excited if we saw Terri in town.

Overall, I could not give high enough praise for this wonderful teacher and this program. We are so thankful to be given a "Lifetime gift" - 'Lifetime' because Bethany's life has and always will be affected in her clear speech and oral health. And your gift came at our most helpless time in that our income dropped drastically during the last 2 ½ years. The Depression has been difficult, but it is most piercing when you cannot provide help for your children when they need it. I know that we could never have afforded Speech Therapy for two years. You have changed my husband and me - we are so grateful! And I know you have blessed Bethany.

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Kris (Kristin Bratton, Physical Therapist) was absolutely wonderful in how she interacted with Hunter. She was very resourceful in any needs and questions that we had in Hunter's care. We would strongly recommend her to any family that needs her service. We will miss her.

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Dina Villanueva (Pediatric Vision Screener) was such a delight to work with. She was very informative with our staff and the children were very comfortable with her. The parents that were given referrals were pleased also! Thanks for visiting us and hopefully we will see her again next year.

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