## NEWS FROM YOUR ELKS MAJOR PROJECT . . .

My son Harley loved his time with Genie, Speech -Language Pathologist, and still asks when she's going to come over to play. It was never work. He enjoyed doing what was asked and to be rewarded with a game. Genie was always kind and happy never getting angry when Harley had a bad day or wasn't feeling well. She would also be able to encourage him to work his hardest especially when he wouldn't listen to his mother. She also shared different ways to deal with his behavior other than speech. Any question was answered and she took the time to listen and explain. We love and will miss her a lot.

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First of all I want to thank Physical Therapist Kristin, again for all the help you are providing for my child. I would just like to add that Kristin has been a tremendous inspiration to us. I have seen a great progress with Christian throughout these past months that she has worked with him and with me. She is a person that I feel comfortable in working together with. Thanks again for your assistance. I continue to look forward to learning and working with Kristin so together we can help Christian reach these goals that will help him cope with his disabilities.

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I would like to thank Speech-Language Pathologist Hedley and the California/Hawaii Elks Major Project for the services provided to my son. He has made significant gains and Miss Hedley was so encouraging and wonderful to work with. As you know there are little opportunities for affordable or free speech therapy for a child after three years old. We need to have more programs like these to help more children at such a crucial time in their development. We are so thankful for this program!

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Occupational Therapist Sheila has been a huge asset to our family. We were completely distraught when we first brought our son to her two years ago. I feel as though we now have all the tools and knowledge necessary to help him succeed. I am eternally grateful for all that she has taught us!

