

## NEWS FROM YOUR ELKS MAJOR PROJECT . . .

I am so thankful to have Occupational Therapist Valerie's help with my 2 year old son. It's been a difficult 5 months as I've become aware of all his sensory issues and Valerie has brought so much comfort and confidence to our family. She connects well with my son and has very creative, practical approaches to fulfilling his sensory needs. She is a fantastic therapist and we appreciate her very much. We also appreciate the Elks Major Project for the priceless support you offer families in need of services.

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I would like to thank Matthew's first Physical Therapist Becky as she worked diligently and patiently with him even though it was difficult at times with his behavior. His bilateral coordination improved significantly because of her help and ideas, toys she lent us helped as well. Matthew's penmanship is quite good for his age and we feel it is really because of her help early on. Matthew still asks for her!

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Preschool Vision Screener Katie conducted this screening very efficiently and smoothly. She was courteous and pleasant to myself and all the children. The parents really appreciated the opportunity to have the children's vision screened. We had 100% participation.

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I found Speech-Language Pathologist Hedley, to be very helpful. My older children have had speech therapy and I didn't get to work so closely with the therapist. What I found was very informative when Hedley taught me the correct placement of my sons tongue and mouth during the practiced sounds. Hedley makes therapy fun through game playing. The homework was a good way to reinforce and it was not too much or too little. I'm grateful for the program. I feel the early therapy at 4 years old has made a big difference in his speaking abilities. Thank you!

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Preschool Vision Screener Gina is always very polite and respectful. She has learned Spanish which is the language spoken by some of the children. She talks to the children in a soft voice and takes time to screen them. It is wonderful to see her every year. Thank you!



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