



**THE CALIFORNIA HAWAII ELKS
CELEBRATE 60 YEARS OF CARING FOR KIDS**

Donate \$60.00 to have this Special Anniversary Gold Pin and a Special Citation signed by the CHEA President and mailed to your Lodge for presentation. Your name will also appear in "The California-Hawaii Elk" magazine.

Donate on Saturday, May 15, 2010 at Convention, or later on-line, or mail to CHEMPI at the address below.*

Limited time only - Available only through March 31, 2011!

This year the Elks of California and Hawaii and their friends celebrate 60 years of raising funds to support the Major Project; a program that provide services for children with unmet therapy and vision needs. This money comes from donations and fund raisers - no state, federal or health insurance money is used to financially support this program!

The growth of the Major Project has truly been miraculous! From the modest amount the first year of \$78,991.37, directed by a committee, to over \$4.2 million being dispersed to the varied parts of the program now directed by the Trustees of the Major Project...and from the early programs of scholarships to therapists, a medical research grant and two mobile therapy units established in Eureka, the program has grown by expanding therapy services to many areas of California and Hawaii; by providing Preschool Vision Screening to determine eye deficiencies while the deficiency is still correctible; by providing funds to support unmet financial needs of those with vision deficiencies and by providing scholarship funding for Students with Disabilities.

There are 4 components to the program:

THERAPY - Physical, Occupational and Speech/language therapy is available for children who are unable to receive services from another agency/program or whose needs are best met by a home therapy program. The services are provided in the home at no cost to the families receiving services. The children are evaluated and in conjunction with the parents, goals and objectives are determined. The parents are instructed in the therapy activities to be done between visits. Therapists schedule over 16,000 therapy visits and travel over 235,000 miles each year.

PRESCHOOL VISION SCREENING - Preschool age children are screened using age appropriate tests to determine if there is a problem with their vision. The screening uses a matching concept and can be used successfully with children as young as 2 1/2 years old. The goal is to rule out Amblyopia "lazy eye". If detected and treated by 6 years old, the success rate is almost 100%. Additional evaluations are administered to assess muscle action and eye health. Over 50,000 children are screened each year.

ELKS EYE FUND - Funding has been established to assist those children needing eye care to receive exams, glasses and surgery. This is a needs based fund and each case is individually assessed.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES - Scholarships are available for students with disabilities. The funding is up to \$2,000/year and is renewable for 4 years. This funding covers community colleges, vocational programs and 4 year college programs. This is a merit and need based scholarship. To date the program has expended close to \$1,000,000 to help these students with their educational goals.

As we enter our next decade of service we continue to be so grateful to all the efforts the Elks and their friends put forth to assure the continued success of your California-Hawaii Elks Major Project.

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