

## NEWS FROM YOUR ELKS MAJOR PROJECT . . .

### Therapist is Appreciated!

Sheila (Sheila McCarthy, Occupational Therapist) is wonderful. She has a positive impact in all children she works with. I appreciate all her hard work.

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Our therapist, Hedley Uetake, Speech-Language Pathologist, has been very helpful with Ariane's speech problems. Ms. Hedley's use of age-appropriate games/props and painting or drawing exercises has enabled Ariane (at 4 years old) to maintain a positive focus during her therapy sessions. Hedley's emphasis on the "happy" side of learning helps Ariane work through her speech exercises without appearing burdened or stressed. Ariane works very hard with Hedley and continues to look forward to her sessions. She has progressed slowly with her "s" blends and we're looking forward to a time when Ariane will use true "s" sounds in her speech spontaneously. Hedley has done a very good job building skills in Ariane without making her feel self-conscious or insecure about her speech difficulties. We very much appreciate the expertise Hedley brings to her and the compassion and joy she brings to her work!

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### Preschools and Day Care Centers Appreciate Elks Pediatric Vision Screeners:

We appreciate the service Linda (Linda Pinnell, Pediatric Vision Screener) and her group of volunteers provide for our center each time they come. They are very skillful in their jobs and also warming to our children.

Thanks a lot for your services.

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This is our second year of the vision screening. What a wonderful service for our children. Anna (Anna Galvan, Pediatric Vision Screener), works well with the children and in a timely manner. We look forward to renewing our relationship during the next year. I greatly appreciated her suggested activity to prepare the children for the 10 foot special task which is a new concept for them. We will fit this into our "role play" activities in the fall.

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