

## Kerry's Kids Rotation

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| <b>Salvation Army</b><br>2794 Garden St.<br>Oakland, CA 94601   | <b>Harrison House</b><br>711 Harrison St.<br>Berkeley, CA 94710  | <b>Women's Refuge</b>   | <b>Henry Robinson Multi-Service Center</b><br>559 16th St.<br>Oakland, CA 94612  | <b>Downs Memorial United Methodist Church</b> -6026 Idaho St.<br>Oakland, CA 94608   |
| Thursday, March 14th<br>Thursday, April 11th<br>Thursday, May 9th<br><br>(visits to this site occur the 2nd Thursday of each month) | Monday, March 18th<br>Monday, April 15th<br>Monday, May 19th<br><br>(visits to this site occur the 3rd Monday of each month) | Wednesday, Mar. 20th<br>Wednesday, April 17th<br>Wednesday, May 15th<br><br>(visits to this site occur the 3rd Wednesday of each month) | Monday, March 25th<br>Monday, April 22nd<br>Monday, May 27th<br><br>(visits to this site occur the 4th Monday of each month) | Wednesday, Mar. 13th<br>Wednesday, April 10th<br>Wednesday, May 8th<br><br>(visits to this site occur the 2nd Wednesday of each month) |

Please note: The schedule listed above is subject to change. For the most up-to-date rotation schedule for Kerry's Kids' medical van visits & site locations, please visit [www.kerryskids.org](http://www.kerryskids.org) or [www.Oakland2000.com](http://www.Oakland2000.com) or contact Kathy Dean at (415) 897-5081.

Kerry's Kids/Oakland Ready to Learn  
 1515 Webster  
 Oakland, California 94612



For more information, visit our website  
[www.kerryskids.org](http://www.kerryskids.org)

## Bobbie Miller Remembers

In October, 1996 Head Start staff including our Homeless Coordinators, contacted Kerry and staff at Children's Hospital to organize a volunteer based Health service program, to provide medical care to children in single occupancy hotels, homeless shelters or children living on the street with their families.

We had several meetings with Kerry to organize and recruit resident doctors and nurses who would be assigned to rotate through Head Start sites and homeless facilities, providing health screenings and health services to the most needy.

Kerry set-up and ran the mobile Head Start Health Van at various Head Start Health Fairs and the Mayors Easter Egg Hunt. After several meetings with Kerry it was decided that



Bobbie Miller & Dr. Kerry Spooner Dean

3<sup>rd</sup> year Residents from Children's Hospital would be assigned to various Head Start centers and Homeless shelters, on a rotating basis twice each month. These Resident Doctors have since provided services to over 500 children in the City of Oakland and participate in Head Start Dental Festivals and back-to-school health fairs, providing health screenings, height/ weight and blood pressure checks. They also make referrals to the children's physicians.

The Oakland Head Start program, Kerry's Kids, Oakland 2000 Ready to Learn, and Children's Hospital's Center for Vulnerable Children have received a grant to provide case management and crisis intervention services for children including: foster care, mental health,



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## Kerry's Kids in 2001

Kerry's Kids was established to carry on the dream of Dr. Kerry Spooner Dean after her life tragically came to an end in May 1998. Kerry's dream was to help organize a mobile health clinic to serve indigent children and their families in the Bay Area. She understood that in order to provide adequate health care, health screening, immunizations and health education to these children, it was essential to bring these medical services directly to the children and their families in the communities where they lived. Simply having health facilities miles away was not enough. It was this realization that drove Kerry to follow her dream of organizing a mobile health clinic. And, it is Kerry's dream and the profound contributions that she was making to these communities, that inspired the creation of Kerry's Kids. Kerry's dreams will live on through Kerry's Kids.

A collaborative partnership has been formed between Children's Hospital Oakland, Oakland Head Start, and Oakland Ready to Learn. Through their combined efforts, various sites in the Oakland community have been identified as being in need of the types of services provided by the mobile health clinic. These sites include homeless shelters, residential drug rehabilitation facilities for mothers and children, a refuge for battered women, Head Start educational sites, and Oakland Community elementary schools. Since the creation of Kerry's Kids, the mobile health clinic has been used to transport volunteering residents, attendings, and nurses from Children's Hospital Oakland to the various sites. The mobile health clinic visits various sites twice a week (each site is visited once a month) where the volunteering CHO staff provides healthcare education services to the children and their families at these sites...where they live.

While it was Kerry's dream to provide healthcare education to uninsured children and their families, it was most important to her to provide on-site acute and

well childcare as well. Such services would include routine physical exams, immunizations, hearing, vision and anemia screening, as well as the diagnosis and treatment of upper respiratory infections, ear infections, sore throats, asthma, abdominal pain and other illnesses/conditions.

Recently, Kerry's Kids obtained a 5013C classification as a non-profit organization. By obtaining this classification, Kerry's Kids has been able to receive broader insurance coverage which in turn allows the organization to provide acute medical care to its young patients. We are one big step closer to making Kerry's dream a reality. To date, the organization is engaged in five primary activities:

1. Patient Education- about 20% of the time
2. Vaccinations, well care, and minor acute care- about 50% of the time
3. Pediatric Resident Education- about 10% of the time

4. Patient Advocacy- about 10% of the time
5. Community Resource Referral- about 10% of the time

These activities occur on a set schedule as well as on a requested basis. The following locations are scheduled on a rotating basis, approximately once per month per location:

1. Salvation Army, Oakland, CA
2. Harrison House, Berkeley, CA
3. Henry Robinson Multi Service Center, Oakland, CA
4. Downs Memorial United Methodist Church, Oakland, CA
5. Women's Refuge, Oakland, CA

(Please see *Kerry's Kids' Rotation-pg. 4* for an updated Kerry's Kids schedule)

Funds support the mobile van, medical supplies, and insurance. The residents, nurses and doctors, as well as the entire board are unpaid volunteers. For more information please see [www.kerryskids.org](http://www.kerryskids.org).



Dr. Kerry Spooner Dean providing medical care to children in the mobile medical van.

## United Way-Helping Kerry's Kids

United Way of the Bay area is an organization dedicated to building communities that are safe and healthy. The efforts of United Way are supported by the contributions of both individuals and corporations. Last year, contributions to United Way of the Bay Area totaled more than \$56 million. These funds are then used to invest in various community-based programs structured to solve or address community problems and improve the lives of the people in the community. Because of the synergy of

the goals of the United Way and Kerry's Kids, members of Kerry's Kids have contacted UW and Bay Area companies about designating corporate and individual UW contributions to the Kerry's Kids program. So far, the response has been very promising. Close to \$20,000 in UW designated contributions have been made to Kerry's Kids.

We welcome the opportunity to provide information to your place of business about the benefits of designating United Way contributions to the

### United Way Contribution Form Information (Section D)

United Way Code: **94689**

Name of Tax Exempt Org:

**Dr. Kerry Spooner Dean Fund/EBCF**

Address: **200 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Oakland, CA 94612**

Kerry's Kids program. For more information, or if you would like a presentation at your company, please contact Dan Dean at:

## Fund Standing

**\$250,000+**

Thanks to hundreds of donors the foundation has raised over \$250,000.

We are pleased and encouraged with the progress to date and are excited by the vision for the future.

## What's New with Kerry's Kids



A farewell BBQ for **E.B. Cooper**, the Kerry's Kids van driver, took place at the Dean Family Home on October 21. Physicians, volunteers, and family members joined E.B. and his wife for the farewell party. E.B. was the initial driver for the 'Kerry's Kids Van' and a favorite among the staff. He is highly regarded for maintaining a positive spirit for all the young patients and their families who received needed medical services. Diane Halberg, M.D. presented E.B. with a personalized clock from "Kerry's Kids." We thank E.B. for his hard work and dedication and wish him well in his retirement.

We would also like to welcome Bennie Smith as the new driver for the 'Kerry's Kids Van.' He worked for the City of Oakland for many years and is a welcome addition to the Kerry's Kids family.

**Tri-Counties** celebrated its third year with another great show at Ranchotel Equestrian Grounds in Vacaville, CA on 9/16/00. Twenty-nine Tennessee Walkers/Missouri Fox Trotters attended. Several trophies were added this year. A very special award – "The Kerry Spooner-Dean Memorial Trophy" – was won by Amanda Glazier on Seattle Sue in the 11 and under allbreed class. A total of \$2,000 was donated to "Kerry's Kids," in Kerry's memory.

The show date for this year is September 22, 2001 at Ranchotel. For information contact Jen Hackney, Show Manager at (707) 570-0914.

**Morrison & Foerster**, a law firm in San Francisco, has volunteered its pro-bono services to assist the foundation in establishing itself as an independent, non-profit entity. This step is necessary, and encouraged by the East Bay Community Foundation, to provide an even higher level of liability protection to the volunteer doctors. This protection will allow them to provide additional treatments from what is currently authorized outside the hospital.

The **Dr. Kerry Spooner Dean Scholarship** will be awarded for the first time this May to James (Jamey) Hancock, a 4th year medical student at the University of Illinois Medical School-Peoria. The scholarship was established in 1998 by Kerry's classmates. This scholarship will be awarded annually to a fourth year medical student who has demonstrated a strong commitment to community service.

**20/20** recently aired a news article featuring Kerry Spooner Dean as one of a number of stories about in-home service workers and how you never really know who you are letting into your home. The purpose of the article was twofold; one, to make consumers aware that the people they allow into their homes to provide a service may be a potential threat and two, to force the companies that provide in-home services to be accountable for their employees' actions. It is the responsibility of these companies to not only provide a service, but to also ensure the safety and welfare of their consumers. The primary way to do this is to perform routine background checks on the people they hire. The program reached a great deal of people and so far, the results have been encouraging. Following the airing of the story, American Background, one of the background checking companies mentioned in the article, received over 500 hits on its website.



On June 4, 2000, the women of **All Saints Lutheran Church** in Novato collected 66 teddy bears for the annual mission picnic and donated them to Kerry's Kids along with a cash contribution of almost \$400. Sharon Pankow, one of the physicians, presented the mission of Kerry's Kids and was able to thank the women for their wonderful contribution. The bears traveled on the medical van until eventually each one was given a new home with a child who was served by Kerry's Kids.

On **November 16, 2000**, a jury decided that America's Best Carpet Care, a company formerly based in the East Bay area, was liable for the negligent hiring that led to the death of Dr. Kerry Spooner-Dean. The jury found that the company did not properly screen the employee that it sent into the home of Dr. Kerry Spooner-Dean. This employee had previous convictions for robbery. It is hoped that the verdict will send a "loud wake-up call" to companies that send workers or contractors into peoples' homes. Net proceeds from the trial will be directed to

## Kerry's Kids' Mission

To provide primary pediatric health care and education directly on-site to uninsured children in under-served communities and to populations where access to health care is restricted due to a variety of socioeconomic conditions.