

Kerry's Kids

Winter 2012-2013

A Look at What's New This Year

As the season for contemplation approaches, I have been reflecting on how Kerry's Kids' free mobile health clinics fulfill our mission to provide health care to those children who have the most difficulty accessing medical care. We see homeless and low-income children who lack health insurance and are unable to access standard medical care. This lack of health insurance limits a child's ability to be seen by a doctor for check-ups, for vaccinations, and for sick care. Even a short-term loss of health care access can lead to long-term health problems. Children living in homeless shelters have additional barriers, some as simple as lack of transportation to a doctor's office. Through our mobile clinics, our doctors see more than 200 children each year.

We previously identified the need for dental care for children. Since adding dental services last year, our dentists have seen nearly 700 children in our mobile dental screening clinics, and helped 100 of these



children establish a dental home at a community dental clinic.

Due to lack of insurance, some children were not able to access an optometrist or to get glasses. Building on the success of our dental clinics, we piloted an eye screening clinic this year with a pediatric optometrist. Through this addition to our mobile clinic services, children are able to get access to full eye exams and glasses.

I am grateful for the health care professionals who volunteer their time and skills to care for our underserved children. It is because of their hard work and your financial support that we are able to continue Kerry's dream of providing health care to our most vulnerable children. I thank you for your support. On behalf of all of us at Kerry's Kids, we wish you a Happy Holiday and a joyous 2013.

Christine Ma, M.D.
Medical Director, Kerry's Kids

A Heartfelt Thanks

from the Spooner Family

Thank you never seems like a big enough word for your gift of Kerry's Kids. We thank all of you, the Board, Kathy, the staff and the many volunteers who have given their time, talent and love. We thank all who support Kerry's Kids financially; those gifts ensure that health care, and Kerry's

dream, will continue for the kids Kerry cared so much about.

After Kerry died, a friend told a story about pennies and heaven. She said that when Kerry misses us, she will toss down a penny. That is our sign to stop and pick up that penny, to think about her and

to smile. Over these past fourteen years, we have found many pennies and smiles as we say hello to her and tell her we love her.

We wish all of you a pocketful and a heart full of pennies.

Kerry's Family: Herb and Mary, Erin, Rick, Ellie and Lane

Camp Breathe Easy: Underserved Children Living With Asthma

Message from Jyothi Marbin, M.D., Medical Director, Camp Breathe Easy

Camp Breathe Easy is a 4-day, 3-night summer camp for children ages 8 to 12 living with asthma. In August 2012, Camp was held at Camp Arroyo in Livermore, California. Camp Breathe Easy's mission is to provide campers with the opportunity to participate in an experience that may not otherwise be available to them, as a child with asthma. The program includes traditional camp activities as well as educational sessions on living more easily with asthma.

Camp is led by a team of highly qualified staff who are committed to children having a safe and fun experience at Camp Breathe Easy. Medical services were supported by Kerry's Kids, allowing for 24-hour on-site medical coverage to be provided



by doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, and other medical personnel. Dr. Dayna Long and I, from the Primary Care Clinic at Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland, were the Co-Medical Directors. We,

along with three other physicians and eight pediatric residents, assisted campers with medication and provided medical care for 39 boys and 42 girls. Nearly all of these campers live in Alameda County and Contra Costa County.

The ropes course, lake trip, and magic show were camp highlights. In addition, campers could participate in capoeira classes, a Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance and music. For many of our campers, this was their first time riding in a boat, participating in a ropes course, or attending capoeira classes.

Camp Breathe Easy is so grateful to Kerry's Kids for their continued support of Camp!

Tribute to Katherine Castillo

*By Dr. Edward R. Chu, Volunteer Physician and Member of
Kerry's Kids Board of Directors*

Katherine Castillo has been a part of Kerry's Kids since it was just the beginning of an idea and far from any reality. We've come far, with each step building on the last, and so many of those steps have been accomplished because of Katherine's presence helping us move along.

Katherine knew Kerry when Kerry was a resident. At that time, almost 20 years ago, Katherine was the registration clerk at urgent care at Children's Hospital Oakland. Urgent care triage always seemed like an adventure. It is with fondness that I think back to when Kerry and our class of residents were learning so much from each other and becoming doctors in the midst of that hectic atmosphere that Katherine kept so calm and fun.

As the years passed, and as we pledged our desires to see Kerry's dream come true, Katherine has been a foundation, and thus has meant so much to Kerry's big dream becoming such a meaningful part of our lives. Kerry's Kids specializes in doing little things for children without access to care, and Katherine has been there for so many of those little moments. Each moment has built Kerry's Kids to what it is



now, and it has been fulfilling to see our organization climb to each new mountain peak.

Sure, we have stumbled and experienced hard lessons, but we have learned so much from our small beginnings, and Katherine has been there to keep our heads up. She has helped the dream build from one immunization to the next. She has worked on projects from the hemoglobin checks to figuring out how to dispose of our needles to coordinating our myriad number of volunteers to ad hoc guidance counselor.

The spirit of Kerry and Kerry's Kids burns even stronger in each of us for all Katherine's years of hard work and stringing all those little moments together. For all this, I cannot thank you enough, Katherine. We all thank you.

OakCare Medical Group Supports Kerry's Kids

To aid service to the most vulnerable children in our community, Kerry's Kids has been able to gain the financial support of other like-minded medical providers. Over recent years, OakCare Medical Group has made three significant charitable contributions to Kerry's Kids. OakCare is the multi-specialty physician group that provides most of the primary care for patients at Alameda County Medical Center's Highland campus. OakCare recognizes a shared mission and passion for providing compassionate safety net care for residents of Alameda County in Kerry's Kids' work.

Financial and transport barriers often disrupt the ability to provide continuity of care in an accessible medical home - a reality all too commonly seen by both groups. In fact, Kerry's Kids on many occasions has cared for homeless children living in shelters in the East Bay who are patients at Highland's Pediatric Clinic. "On occasion we actually see the very same patients here at Highland as do other safety net providers that are dedicated to the underserved, such as Children's Hospital Oakland," shares Bob Savio, MD, Chief of Pediatrics at Highland and a Kerry's Kids volunteer. "Unstable housing and poverty create a really vulnerable population of children who often move fluidly between local mission-driven providers."

For years, OakCare has chosen several recipients to support with charitable donations on an annual basis. In Kerry's Kids, OakCare has seen a shared dedication - often to the very same smiling children and struggling families."



Special 2012 Fundraiser

Dr. Jon Rosenson and Rebecca Lueck hosted a cocktail party and silent auction fundraiser at their home on March 3, 2012. This first-ever event raised \$7,000 for Kerry's Kids. We are grateful to many individuals and local businesses for their donations, which made this event possible, including Aquarium of the Bay, A Cote Restaurant, California Academy of Sciences, Cheeseboard Pizza, Donkey and Goat Winery, Exploratorium, Five Little Monkeys, Hannah's Children's Resale, Homemade Café, Hotel Shattuck Plaza Berkeley, Indian Valley Golf Course, JCC of the East Bay, Kiehl's, La Farine Bakery, Berkeley, La Note Restaurant, Lawrence Hall of Science, Momo's, Pedro's Cantina, Peet's Coffee & Tea, on Solano, Pete's Tavern, Phil's Sliders, Rick & Ann's Restaurant, SF MOMA, The Dailey Method, The Fickle Bag, and Trek Winery. The money raised has been useful for purchasing medical equipment, supplies and medications, thus helping Kerry's Kids to keep Dr. Kerry Spooner Dean's dream alive. Thank you to Dr. Rosenson and Ms. Lueck for honoring Kerry with this event.

Kerry's Kids relies on donations from corporations and individuals

Thank you to the many volunteers who generously donated their time,
and a special thank you to everyone who donated to Kerry's Kids.

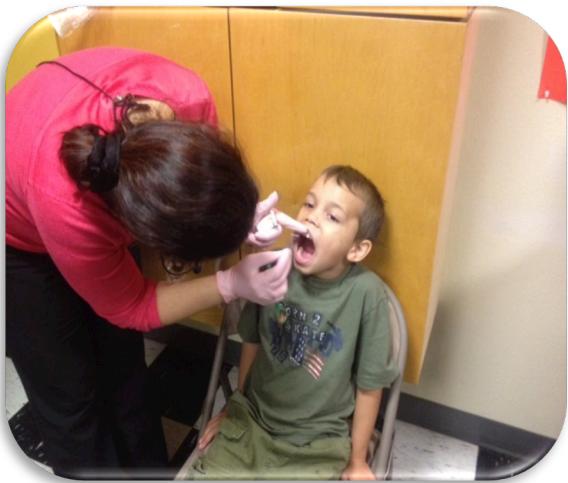
Please consider a donation using the enclosed envelope.

Donations can also be made online through www.guidestar.org.

More information about online donations can be found at www.kerryskids.org.

We appreciate in-kind donations of new or like-new items for the children & families that we serve.

We are a 501©3 organization, so your contributions are fully tax-deductible.



Our Mission Statement

"Kerry's Kids provides free health care and education to underserved children in their neighborhoods and seeks to facilitate that each child ultimately receives care in a permanent medical home."

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2012 Dr. Kerry Spooner Dean Award

Matt Diffley, M.D. (left, in picture) is the 2012 recipient of the Dr. Kerry Spooner Dean Award. A recent third-year pediatric resident, he was selected for his commitment to the community through service and advocacy for children. Congratulations, Dr. Diffley!

Pictured with Dr. Diffley are Dr. Pamela Simms-Mackey (center), Associate Director of Medical Education and Residency Program at CHRCO, and Dr. James Wright, Director of Medical Education & Residency Program at CHRCO.

