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DLC NURSE & LEARN APRIL, MAY & JUNE NEWS

Wrapping up the 2016-17 School Year!

As DLC approaches the end of its 28th year, I am still in awe of what goes on here. The daily work of this special place doesn't get old. I never get used to seeing the miracles that take place all around me day in and day out. The beginning of each school year brings new children that are so delayed and so fragile. Each time they enroll I wonder if they will really improve as much as we hope they will. Each year, the teachers, therapists and nursing staff work tirelessly every day, to teach, train and care for them with love and dedication. And each year the resulting change is overwhelming! Unresponsive little ones become rambunctious children that hardly resemble the child we first met.



How is it possible that I get to be part of all these little lives and share in the joy along with their families as they grow and improve? I feel so blessed. The blessings are magnified by all of the support we have received over the years from so many of you. Your time, prayers and donations can't be measured in earthly terms. I hope you each have felt some of the joy of DLC you have given. You are each a part of the fabric of DLC and don't think for a minute that your gift doesn't make a difference. It has made all this possible for each of the 3,600 children we have helped.

Now as our Summer Camp approaches and year 29 is just around the corner, we ask that you continue your support and feel free to stop in any time to see the work first hand. This is truly His work and it takes all of us to keep it going.

God Bless, *Amy Buggle*

18th Annual DLC Golf Fundraiser

The DLC Annual Charity Golf Tournament took place at the South Hampton Golf Course on Sunday, March 12th. We raised nearly \$13,000 during our tournament and we are very thankful for everyone who golfed, volunteered or participated. It was another successful fundraiser for our students and we are honored to have the Jacksonville City & Police Federal Credit Union as a partner again this year!

~ Holidays ~

Closed * 4/14
GOOD FRIDAY

Closed * 5/29
MEMORIAL DAY

Closed * 6/5 & 6/6
SUMMER PLANNING

~ Reminders ~

4/11— EASTER EGG
HUNT @ 10am

4/28—CLOSED FOR
VPK

5/24— GRADUATION

6/1—LAST DAY OF
VPK

6/2—LAST DAY OF
DUVAL COUNTY

6/7—FIRST DAY OF
SUMMER CAMP

~ Birthdays ~

April — 4/3

Lisa - 4/19

Debbie —4/26

Caleigh—5/25

Mina—5/27

Breanna—5/30

Amanda—6/4

Amy—6/22

~ Anniversaries ~

Carol—17 Years

April —14 Years

Debbie—10 Years

Susan—9 Years

Lisa—5 Years

Caleigh—3 Years

Elizabeth—2 Years

Welcome to the
DLC Team
Janice Kelley!

You're invited to the DLC Graduation!



When: Thursday, May 26th

Where: DLC Nurse & Learn,
4101-1 College Street,
Jacksonville FL

Time: 6:30 pm in the Church
Sanctuary with reception to follow in
the fellowship hall.

Come cheer on our 2017 Graduates !

We are looking for Passport Sponsors!



DLC is currently seeking Passport Sponsors for our upcoming Passport to Riverside & Avondale event happening on Saturday, Nov. 4th 2017.

This is our 3rd year running this event and we have experienced a lot of success reaching the community. It's a great way to

get your business in front of new customers, while helping out a great cause! We have different Sponsorship options to choose from and each one offers you an opportunity to showcase your business to our ticket holders, participating merchants, volunteers, etc.

Do you know of a business owner or a company you do business with who may be interested? Send them our way! Give us a call at 904-387-0370 and ask for Caleigh Quast. You can also e-mail Caleigh at Caleigh@dlcnl.org

DLC Pre-k and VPK Graduation

Our DLC Graduation is taking place on May 25th at 6:30pm in the Murray Hill UMC Church Sanctuary! We invite you and your family to come out and take part in this fun filled event. Our students have worked very hard to get to this point in their young lives, and we need your help cheering them on when they receive their diploma!

We also need extra covered dishes and refreshments for this event! We are asking volunteers to please arrive by 5pm to help us set up the fellowship hall. If you would like to help please give us a call and we will put you on the volunteer list!



Volunteer Opportunities

DLC Nurse and Learn Events/Volunteer Calendar 2017

- **May 25th** DLC Graduation @ 6:30pm (Volunteers arrive by 5:00pm)
- **June - August** We need volunteers in classrooms all summer long! Follow us on Facebook for more info on our summer events.
- **October 27th** Fall Carnival @ 10am (Please arrive to volunteer by 9am)
- **Nov. 4th** Passport to Riverside Avondale @ 12pm (Volunteers arrive by 10am)

DLC Employment Opportunities!

DLC is currently looking for extra help in the classrooms! If you have a passion working with children, please give us a call! We need extra Teacher Assistants.

904-387-0370

DCF 45 hour certification preferred but not mandatory.

Thank you to the Jay and Deanie Stein Unrestricted Fund

Special thank you to the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida Jay and Deanie Stein Unrestricted Fund. They donated \$3,000 toward therapy equipment to help our therapists with sensory integration techniques. The Community Foundation continues to be a strong advocate for our children!

DLC WISH LIST

Educational Toys

Bibs

Crib Sheets

Art Supplies

Healthy Snack Items

Cleaning Supplies

Paper Towels

Kleenex

Baby Wipes

Superstar Student Corner: Simon!



Simon was born two months early with an underdeveloped left eye. The doctors described it as a cyst. After CT Scans and MRI's, the doctors found that he didn't have right kidney, and had a smooth underdeveloped brain. The doctors searched for a syndrome to categorize him with, but the closest one was Walker-Warburg Lissencephaly. It is the most severe of a group of genetic conditions known as congenital muscular dystrophies, wherein most individuals do not live past the age of three.

Simon started DLC at 5 months old. He got a full scholarship and received physical, speech, & occupational therapy. His Mom, Laura went to FSCJ while he was at DLC. The Physical Therapist at the time, Marc Pyatt taught Laura some physical therapy to do at home with Simon. "Ms. Pat was his main teacher. Even when he graduated to the next room, she would take him back. I still have his Pre-K graduation pictures and tassels." Said Laura.

Simon is now 17 years old and will be graduating from the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind in May. He is the youngest student in his grade. He has a cumulative GPA of a 2.87. He was the only student in his grade to pass the 10th grade Florida Standard Aptitude Test (FSAT). Simon has been in dual enrollment, taking college classes at First Coast Technical College while also attending high school. He wants to become a computer animator. Simon has also been a huge help last summer at DLC volunteering in the classrooms wherever he was needed. He is a joy to be around, and lights up the room wherever he goes. Great job Simon! We are so proud of you. Keep up the good work!

DLC Welcomes a new RN, Janice Kelley



We welcome Janice Kelley, RN, as DLC Nurse & Learn's newest employee. She is coming on board as our new Director of Nursing. Janice has been an active Board member at DLC for over ten years, and will continue serving on some special committees. She is an active member of Lake Shore Presbyterian Church, and her local community. Her nursing experiences encompass 25 years; beginning at Baptist Wolfson's Children's Hospital PICU, PALS Center, the original PPEC, then the name changed to Kids Medical Club. In 1999, she moved over to St. Vincent's Medical Center and worked there in surgical services, and the Community Mobile Health ministry providing Wellness Physicals, Immunizations, and Sports Physicals. In 2010, she began working with the Children's Medical Services, with the foster care team and then as a nurse care coordinator.

Welcome to the team Janice!

Free Counseling for all DLC Parents & Staff!



Dr. Taveras

DLC offers FREE COUNSELING to all DLC families and employees. We strongly encourage our parents and staff to please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity, made possible by a grant from Baptist Health of Northeast Florida. Upcoming Counseling Sessions are held from 2:00—6:00 once a month in the DLC Library.

Upcoming Dates: 5/22, 6/26, 7/24, 8/21

Sign up's are available in each classroom. You may sign up for half hour or one hour sessions. All counseling sessions are free and confidential. If you have any questions please call 904-387-0370 or email DLC Executive Assistant, Caleigh Quast at Caleigh@dlcnl.org