



HBS Newsletter

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Kai Mira Special Edition



Laurie Carmichael



Janelle Christensen & Nico

In February, Laurie Carmichael, a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner was part of the visiting Surgery Team from Oregon. Working with other volunteers, she performed health exams for all the Kai Mira children. The physical exam which included lab tests was followed up by assessment and treatment plans.

The kids had their height and weight taken, their ears cleaned and their eyes, skin and blood pressure checked. A few were prescribed some medication for skin rashes, eye infection, ear infection and abscesses. Vitamins were also prescribed with iron supplements for the smaller children.

Painting Kai Mira



Katharina Mandrysch



Katherine Brickman & Amelia Walker



Pamela Walker

This spring the walls of the physical therapy room were transformed from the plain and simple sky blue to a multitude of colors and shapes. The painting began with a big tree with multicolored leaves. All the volunteers got inspired and became creative contributing with their own designs. The end result was a rainbow, a big colorful lighthouse and many different animals such as a 6 foot dolphin playing with a ball and various Disney characters like Mickey Mouse, Pluto and Winnie the Pooh and Piglet. A sun and moon was added to the ceiling.

There is still space for more additions to come. The room has become very lively and inviting for the kids and staff alike.

Occupational Therapist in Kai Mira for 3 months

From January through April, Occupational Therapist, Caley Sharratt from Cooperstown, New York contributed her time and skills to the children in Kai Mira.

She did exercises and different movements with the children that have limited mobility. With the help of the staff, she located and fixed up suitable size beds for the children that had grown. Wheelchairs were rebuilt and adjusted. Some of them with seat-belts and straps to better support the children who cannot hold themselves up. She instructed and found solutions for the staff and volunteers how to better care for the kids with special needs.

Caley also created an information sheet for every child with assessments/guides which describes in detail, their personality, moving ability, meals, likes and dislikes goals and tips on what activities can be done with them. These have been compiled with the physical assessments and their medical history and placed in a binder. This will enable future volunteers working in Kai Mira to better assist each child during their time at HBS.



Caley Sharratt & Ruth

Kai Mira Birthday Party



Jim Brickman & Michael O'Donovan



Justin



Pamela Walker & Jessica

There are many things we don't know about the lives of the children in Kai Mira before they came to us. One of these unknowns is their birthdates.

A tradition was started in the past couple of years to celebrate the birthday for all the orphans on a random day in the Spring. The Kai Mira porch is the normal location but this year it was relocated to the beautifully redone therapy room. The room was decorated with many bright balloons, the tables were covered with colorful tablecloths and a big festive banner saying "Happy Birthday" was displayed.

Popcorn, cake and sprite were served for the special occasion. All the children were beautifully dressed and had a great time. They are looking forward to another Birthday next year!



Andrea Green & Vanessa

We would like to thank all volunteers and donors alike for their generosity to bring hope and joy to the lives of the Kai Mira kids.

Please continue to contribute to this worthwhile project.

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