

# Update

## DEPUTY BUNNY'S VISIT

*The Oakland County Sheriff Deputy Roger St. Jean and Deputy Bunny came by the clinic to distribute goody baskets, to the delight of Kyle, Matthew and Isis:*



### Message from the Director, Michelle Saunders, PT, MSPT

#### You Search, They Give at Philanthropic Search Engine



Being part of a non-profit hospital has many positives for our patients, like immediate access to insurance carriers, emergency service, and medical specialists if the need should ever arise. However, as a non-profit we rely heavily on contributions from donors and the **North Oakland Foundation** for our clinical equipment and for funding of our scholarship program called **Adopt a Euro-Kid**. So when we heard about the philanthropic website **GoodSearch.com** from one of our industrious parents (**Gail Hubert**), we applied to be a partnering non-profit and were excited to be accepted!

GoodSearch launched in 2005 as a search engine which donates **50-percent** of its revenue to the charities and schools designated by its users. You use GoodSearch exactly as you would any other search engine. The users and the organizations do not spend a dime! GoodSearch.com is powered by Yahoo! so you'll find that it is equally expedient with search results. Since it doesn't cost anything and you get proven search results, there's no reason not to use a website in which you search and they give! Now that **Euro-Pēds** is one of their approved non-profits from which you can choose to support, our clinic can receive **one cent every time you use the site to search the web**. Ultimately, consistent use of GoodSearch.com would allow us to enhance our clinical equipment and to continue to award **Adopt a Euro-Kids** grants to our patients to help offset therapy costs not covered by insurance.

We hope you'll not only use **GoodSearch** as your main search engine from now on, but will also tell your friends, family and co-workers so they, too, can start searching for a good cause! **Thank you GoodSearch**; thank you Gail Hubert; and thanks to all our supporters who are making it their new home page!

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR FUN DAY PICNIC '07!

Sunday, August 19, 12-4pm,  
Hess-Hathaway Park, Waterford, Michigan

Our annual picnic held in honor of our **hard-working patients**, their dedicated **families & caregivers**, and all of the **selfless volunteers** who support the children in their progress during intensive physical therapy.

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## Adriana's Journey, by Patty Lyons, Westerville, Ohio

*"In my darkest moments, my greatest sorrow and fear for Adriana is that she will be forever trapped by her own body. It was a sunny afternoon on May 12 [2005] when this fear was put to rest. This was the day that Adriana put all of the pieces together as she scooted, crawled and rolled across the room to retrieve one of her favorite books... It wasn't until I reviewed her annual goals for her Early Intervention service plan that I realized Adriana had achieved so much in such a short time. Not only is Adriana mobile, crawling and rolling independently with specific intent; she is working one-on-one with her therapists, she is clearly responding to "yes" and "no" questions, she knows her right and her left, and she is responding to verbal cues. As parents, we picture a life and a future for our children before they are even born. This picture is revisited often in our minds... While Adriana and I go through her daily exercise routine...massaging, stretching, strength training, sitting, standing, reaching, crawling...I can't help but remember that this is the picture that doctors labeled, "worse-case scenario." It is true that the life I had pictured for Adriana was forever gone when her life began fifteen weeks early. Since then, we have been painting a new picture, wrestling to accept her disabilities and delays. The two-weeks we spent at Euro-Pēds has given us a beautiful backdrop to a new dream...to new possibilities for Adriana. Every life is a journey. No matter how difficult it may be, Adriana's journey through life is a trip worth taking and I am privileged to be along for the ride".*

~July 2005, as excerpted from "Adriana's Adventures,"  
Patty Lyons' journal of her daughter's Journey of Therapy  
and Discovery. Adriana is now on her fifth intensive PT  
session at Euro-Pēds and is learning to use her gait trainer  
and to ride a bike with assistance.

*Patty & Adriana Lyons at  
Euro-Pēds in April 2007  
with Adriana's PT,  
Melissa McGinnis.*





## Arnie's Corner "Therapy Dog Extraordinaire"

### Arnie sets fashion trends for the Holidays



(left) Sahib shows Arnie the Cowboy-dog how to lift up his head.

(right) Brian points out that Santa's most famous reindeer of all is really Arnie (will someone please let Mr. Claus know?)



### SPECIAL THANKS TO SPECIAL PEOPLE:



(Left to right) **Cindy Aguilar** is surrounded by grateful Euro-Pēds staff members for her donation of brand new toys and books; **Susan Mortimore** and **Bonnie Fong** from The Cutup Quilters in Highland, Michigan, show off one of their "Challenge Quilts," one of 11 hand-made quilts donated to patients' families during the holidays; Brownie Troop 1931 from Clarkston surround patient **Jesse Shedd** after donating gift bags to Euro-Pēds' families; Griot Editorial editors, **Chris Moore & Erich Wiemer**, with Michelle Saunders at the UCP Red Wing Alumni Hockey Fundraiser. **Other Special Thanks goes out to... Mike and Danny Ward**, for creating our new Euro-Pēds Video... **Michael & Lisa Anderson** for their generous gift of money... **Alan Eckstein's "Project 2000"** class for donated treat bags for patients during Halloween; **Dawn Frasa** for organizing the Gift Bags for our families; **The Curran Family** and **Joel H. Feldmesser** for the stuffed animals... **The Harper Family & Crystal Siriano** for donating walkers... **Rob Doyon** for the TV and for fixing our DVD Player... **Dan Pelletier** for fixing our bike... **Merrill Paine** for the really cool Animal Puppets... **Irene Robertson** for the handmade neck pillows for our patients... **Leona Revoldt** for the Easter animals... **The Kijek Family** for buying us a healthy lunch... **Jennifer Krueger** for the Pull-ups... **The Hussain Family** for the yummy mid-eastern pastries... and to all of you who donated food, time, and referrals.... Thank you; we couldn't do it without you!

### Euro-Pēds 2007 Presentation Venues

Therapists Angela Jackson, PT, and Melissa McGinnis, PT, will be presenting on the research and methods surrounding intensive pediatric physical therapy at the following conferences around the U.S. in 2007. Some of the conferences offer Continuing Education credits for attendees. Please go to the corresponding websites for more information on each event:



Angela Jackson, PT  
Melissa McGinnis, PT

#### April 27, 2007

Michigan "Early On" Conference, Frankenmuth, Michigan – Bavarian Inn

#### April 27-29, 2007

Abilities Expo-Metro, New York, Edison, NJ  
www.abilitiesexpo.com

#### April 28, 2007

Differently Abled Expo Knopf Learning Center, Flint, MI  
www.geneseeisd.org

#### June 8-10, 2007

The 9th Annual Family Café Conference, Rosen Shingle Creek Conf. Center, Orlando, Florida  
www.FamilyCafe.net

#### June 15-17, 2007

Abilities Expo-Southern California, Long Beach, California  
www.abilitiesexpo.com

#### June 27-30

APTA Annual Conference  
www.apta.org (exhibiting only)

#### Sept. 7-9, 2007

Abilities Expo-Minneapolis, Minnesota  
www.abilitiesexpo.com

#### Nov. 15-17, 2007

World Congress & Expo on Disabilities, Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC  
www.wcdexpo.com

## Our Euro-Pēds Family Holiday Photo Album



Tanae and her mom, Malisa, being treated by "Dr. Shelley"



Brandon makes a dapper Captain Hook to go with his Ballerina therapist, Melissa



Supergirl, Taylor, with Raggedy Angie (who won the staff costume contest)



Matthew the Zebra with Tracy the Witch



Benoit the Lion



Charlie the Charioteer won the patient's Halloween costume contest



Hello Kitty Chef Angela met her match with chef Darren and his mom, Dawn.



Sirel gets a Ho, Ho, Ho from Santa



Santa Claus visits Haley

### Special Needs Summer Camp Ideas:

If you're looking for a special needs summer camp, here are a few resources that you may find helpful. While these retreats that we researched all appeared to be reputable, long-standing facilities, we suggest you call and ask questions about their history and safety precautions to make sure they suit your child's needs (for more detailed information, go to our website, [www.europeds.org](http://www.europeds.org)):

- **Joni and Friends Family Retreat** – Christian-based camp. Nine affiliated retreats in eight (8) states (NC, TX, CA, IN, OH, PA, AL, & NH). [www.joniandfriends.org](http://www.joniandfriends.org), (818) 707-5664
- **Camp Chatterbox** – Mountainside, NJ (for children using augmentive communication devices): [www.campchatterbox.org](http://www.campchatterbox.org), 908-301-5451
- **Pine Tree Camp** – Rome, Maine: [www.pinetreesociety.org](http://www.pinetreesociety.org), (207) 443-3341
- **The Fowler Center** – Mayville, MI: [www.thefowlercenter.org](http://www.thefowlercenter.org), (989) 673-2050
- **R.A.R.A. SCAMP** – Rochester, MI: [www.Rararecreation.org](http://www.Rararecreation.org), (248) 656-8308
- **Camp Fishtales** – Pinconning, MI: [www.campfishtales.org](http://www.campfishtales.org), 1-866-MY-TALES
- **Pioneer Trails** – Muskegon, MI: [www.pioneertrails.net](http://www.pioneertrails.net), (231) 773-5355

little man  
a documentary film by nicole conn

"Every parent, every person working with preterm infants and their families must see the movie."  
(Dr. Heidelise Als, Harvard Medical School and Dir. of Neurobehaviorial Infant and Child Studies at Children's Hospital, Boston).

If you missed "Little Man," on PBS in January, you can purchase your own limited edition DVD at [www.littlemanthemovie.com](http://www.littlemanthemovie.com). This documentary film by special needs mother, Nicole Conn, takes a deeply personal and touching perspective on raising a pre-term infant.