

Media Release

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2 Attached Photos/ IDs: 1) Senior Intensive Pediatric PT, **Melissa McGinnis** (center) holds the Provider Award of Excellence following the announcement at the Carnival of Care on March 29th. Pictured left to right are several members of the Euro-Peds therapy staff: **Roberto Merucci, Michelle Haney (Director), Rachael Yelda, Rachel MacLeod, Melissa McGinnis, Anne Mancour, Katie Weber, Shelley Wolak.** 2) **Melissa McGinnis, Senior Intensive Pediatric PT, accepts the Professional Provider Award of Excellence from Careforward Foundation President Deborah Johnson at Macomb Community College during the Carnival of Care.**



Local Euro-Peds Clinic Receives Provider of Excellence Award from Careforward Foundation

[Euro-Peds](http://www.europeds.org) National Center for Intensive Pediatric PT out of Pontiac received the Professional Provider Award of Excellence from Southfield-based Careforward Foundation. The award was announced during the Foundation’s annual Carnival of Care at Macomb Community College on March 29th and was given to a business that “has been extraordinary in providing care or service for those who have been injured or disabled.” Euro-Peds was chosen by popular vote in a survey sent out by the Careforward Foundation in early March. They received 78.2% of the overall vote, according to Careforward Foundation’s President, Deborah Johnson.

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ABOUT EURO-PEDS NATIONAL CENTER FOR INTENSIVE PEDIATRIC PT:

*The Euro-Peds clinic (www.europeds.org) based out of Doctors’ Hospital of Michigan) in Pontiac, Michigan, is a specialized hospital-based therapy program for children and young adults who have cerebral palsy and other neuromuscular disorders. The specialized clinic opened in 1999 as the first hospital-based therapy program in the U.S. to offer a progressive, new intensive physical therapy model for children and young adults who have Cerebral Palsy and other gross motor disorders caused from brain trauma. Prior to 1999, parents were traveling to Poland for similar therapy. Over the years, Euro-Peds continued to evolve their program and began to successfully integrate Eastern Europe’s specialized therapy tools--like suit therapy and the Universal Exercise Unit--with the Western style that emphasized a more individualized approach. Children benefit from the intensive bursts of therapy by learning new functional skills leading to greater independence, confidence and health. Parents also benefit by an emphasis on education and support. **Today, Euro-Peds is a national center for intensive pediatric PT and has treated over 1100 patients from 45 states and 5 different countries at their clinic in Pontiac.***

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