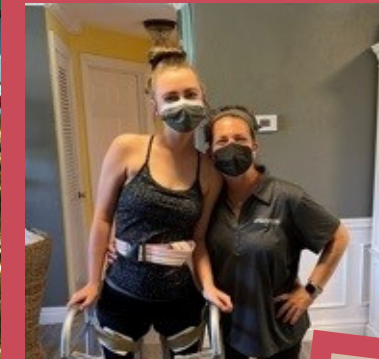


*HAPPY
New Year*

FROM OUR FECTS FAMILY
TO YOURS, WE HOPE YOU
ALL HAD A WONDERFUL
HOLIDAY SEASON.





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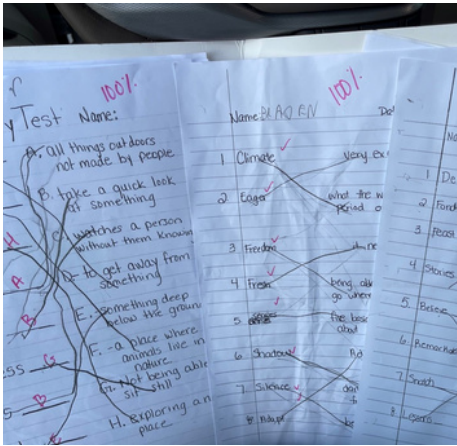
'tis the season for Thanks



Paula,
I honestly can't believe the incredible progress that Braden ^{made} in 26wks under your care. Thank you for showing us how to help him and empowering us in his care. It wasn't easy but the reward is great!

Happy Holidays!
♡The Brango Family

Braden, a 7 1/2 year old who recently finished treatments with FECTS, has improved greatly with sensory processing and is now thriving in school after receiving treatment from Paula Tarver, OT.



“ We have SO much gratitude for the Elks. You have changed our children's lives and helped educate me to know and advocate for their needs. That is priceless and we can't thank you enough! Merry Christmas to all who helped make this so special! 🎄❤️”

Dear Ms Christina,
Thank you for helping me improve my writing some when we started my handwriting was indecipherable
Thank you for being so kind
from
Zach



Meet Nathaniel. He works with Rae Montgomery, PT. He recently had an emergency surgery but is doing very well now!

A HUGE thank you to the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services for being such a blessing to our family. They had the sweetest Christmas event for the kids. I literally can not say enough good things about this organization. If you are an Elk... THANK YOU!! If you are looking to support this organization - You can know that it's helped all THREE of my babies receive therapy in our home when they needed it most - and that your donation is doing the most good. Thank you! Thank you! ❤️ Merry Christmas Florida State Elks Association, Christina Hardy Nathan and Diane Corson! 🎄🎄🎄🎄



“ Thank you for all that you do for our community ! We are so grateful ❤️ ”

“ Thank you for being such a light for our kids ✨💖 ”





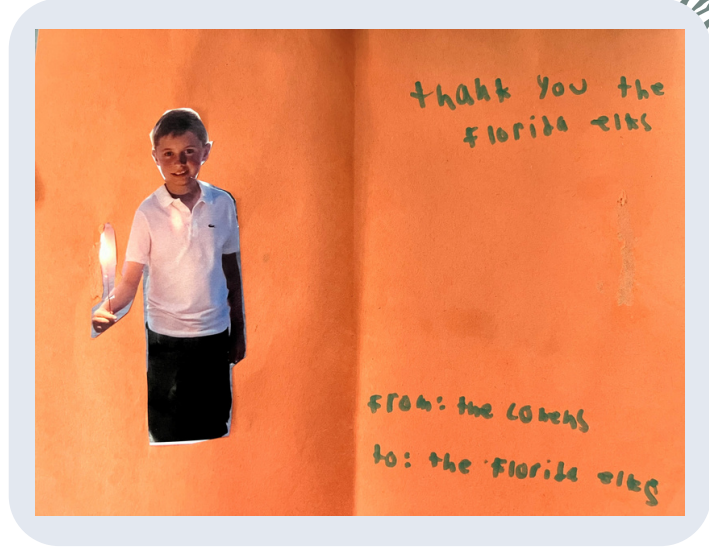
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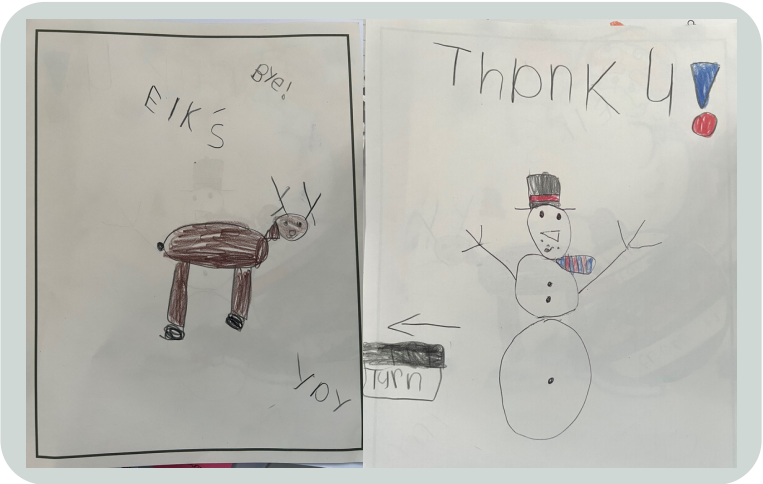
many thanks!



to Winter Park Does Drove #86 for their donation of \$1,500 to FECTS from their live cake auction!

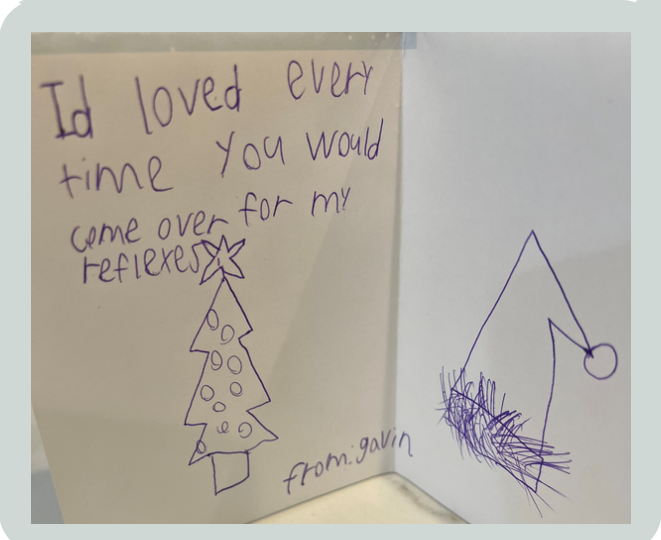


Thank you the Florida wings
From: the Lovens
to: the Florida wings



Thank you so much for your amazing services!
We love you guys! ♡
♡ The Dadd family

Thank you for Mrs. Maria Because she is sooo kind. Love Mia



Id loved every time you would come over for my reflexes
from gavin

Special thanks to the NW District PER Association for buying warm coats/jackets for all the children receiving therapy through FECTS plus all their siblings!! We have some really cold days in the panhandle so these jackets come in handy. Thank you so much, Elizabeth Maina, OT



what's your story?

I wanted to write to you on behalf of my son Jonah Judge. Jonah entered the Florida Elks therapy program and started working with Nikki Guarino, the BEST therapist of any kind Jonah has ever worked with and unfortunately, he has worked with a ton. A little background on Jonah- he was born at 41 weeks 1 day and suffered from the HIE diagnosis (lack of oxygen at birth). The future of Jonah's life was uncertain in the beginning. There were days we weren't sure if Jonah would ever crawl, walk or even know what love is. Jonah has defied all the odds, and I pray he continues to do so. As soon as Nikki started working with Jonah you could see the bond they shared. Some therapists Jonah had worked with in the past would forcefully make Jonah participate in an activity even if Jonah showed zero interest in it. I don't think Jonah was retaining anything out of mere frustration, he wasn't into the task. Nikki did not do this, she mirrored Jonah and was "usually" able to catch his interest, and if not made alternate plans for the session. Since working with Nikki, Jonah has made tremendous progress. He has crawled, walked, learned to play with different toys, is now learning to feed himself, and most importantly knows he's loved and reciprocates love! She saw how smart Jonah is and knew he could do almost anything a "normal" two-year-old could do, with a little extra training and love. Not only does she care for the kids, but the parents too. One time I had a scheduled conference call with a professional who I had previous interactions with and was very intimidated and nervous for the planned call. This professional always used big medical terms and didn't explain Jonah's status in terms I could understand. I was sharing this with Nikki. Nikki kindly offered that on her own time she would be there for this planned conference call and helped facilitate what I wanted to express and interpreted what the professional was explaining. What kind of person shares their own time with the parent of a child who needs help?, an AWESOME PERSON, a CARING PERSON, a COMPASSIONATE PERSON, an EMPATHETIC PERSON, someone who cares about others. This is what Nikki is. Thank you Elks for having people like Nikki available to help others! She deserves a KUDOS in the most extreme way!

With Love the parents of Jonah Judge!



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Sofia carefully wrapping each gift.



Heather and Nick receiving their gifts!



Argie Criner, OT, shops every year for kids on her caseload and her youngest daughter, Sofia, loves to join. Sophia is passionate about picking the right gifts for each of Argie's kids and wraps and labels each one. She loves Argie to take pictures of the kids when they get their gifts!



Argie and Sofia shopping away!



Colleen Gallant, Suzi Simonelli, State President, and Jeanne Martin



Jeanne Martin, OT, attended the Bonita Springs-Estero Elks Lodge #2753 festivities for FL State Elks President, Suzi Simonelli's, visit, with First Gentleman, Joey, and Endorsed Vice President Mark Thompson and wife, Barbara in October.



Beth Thiers, OT, participated in the City of Sanford's Parade of Lights along with Sanford Lodge #1241, many of Santa's Elks, and Elroy!



TRICK OR TREAT

DIANE CORSON, OT, PARTICIPATED IN LAKE OKEECHOBEE LODGE #2871'S HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA EVENT



Argie Criner, OT, spoke at the Midyear Convention, in Gainseville, (her Alma Mater) and shared her story of Colton and his OT journey with FECTS!



Diane Corson, OT, attended an event with local Stuart-Jensen Lodge #1870 to promote community awareness



THANK YOU TO STUART SOUND ANIMAL HOSPITAL FOR THEIR TOY DONATIONS FOR FECTS TO STUART-JENSEN LODGE #1870



Stuart-Jensen Lodge #1870 hosted their annual Children's Therapy Services Drive Thru Christmas Party & therapists Chrissy Nathan, OT, & Diane Corson, OT were there to help!

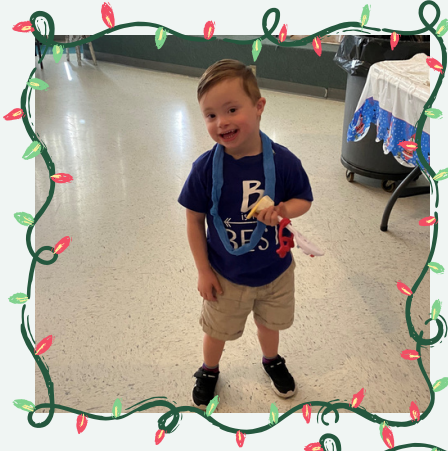


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Eustis Lodge #1578 hosted a Christmas Party for FECTS families



West Palm Beach Lodge #1352 held a Christmas gift giving to kids on local therapist's, Donna Rivera, OT, caseload.



These are twins Alex and Becca. They were born prematurely. From day 1, they have struggled meeting developmental milestones. When the twins began physical therapy treatments, they were not even walking on their own. They have since thrived, and are making great strides! Becca is a “little mommy” and loves playing with her baby dolls and play kitchen. She battles with hypotonia, which is low muscle tone. She is improving her strength and is now able to climb up and down stairs independently while holding the wall or rail. She still struggles with jumping and running, but is so close to meeting those milestones! Alex is a lover of all sports, but basketball is his favorite! Alex has great coordination and can dribble a basketball all around the house. He is all boy and loves to be active, running around, jumping, and playing with his older siblings. He struggles with sensory processing skills and core strength, which makes him walk on his tippy toes. We are working on a daily stretching routine to make sure his calves and muscle tendons do not get too tight. He was recently fitted for orthotics to wear on his feet while wearing shoes, which makes him walk better posture. These babies are such a joy to work with, and their family is so grateful for the services provided by FECTS.



Spotlight by Samantha Yox, PT

Spotlight by Paula Tarver, OT
(pictured with Harper)



Harper is 9 years old and was unable to ride a bike, sequence jump rope, or learn to read beyond kindergarten level. She has been receiving OT for the past 5 months and now is able to read and write at 2nd grade level, ride a bike independently and sequence 15 consecutive jumps with a jump rope. She was recently awarded for her academic success this trimester in school!

Here are the Work Anniversaries for this quarter

WORK Anniversaries



Photo of staff at 2021 Annual Meeting

Pearl Johnson	1/1/2019	3 years
Elizabeth Thiers	2/1/2001	21 years
Cristin Rumler	2/8/2021	1 year
Donna Revera	3/4/2019	3 years
Diane Corson	3/20/2008	14 years
Larry Lester	3/22/1999	23 years
Paula Tarver	3/22/1999	23 years
Lynanne Koenig	3/28/2001	21 years
Yvette Lambert	3/29/2001	21 years
Elizabeth Maina	4/1/1999	23 years
Clara Budynski	4/1/2021	1 year
Kailey Barber	4/15/2021	1 year