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September 2014...E-News Letter

PATCHES presents the 1st Annual Wild for PATCHES Gala



Saturday October 25, 2014

7:00 - 8:00pm Reception
8:00 - 12:00am Dinner

Trump National Doral
Grand Ball Room
4400 NW 87th Ave, Doral

Honorees:

Bill Duquette, Mayor Cindy Lerner & Bob Levy

Event MC: Ron Magill

For information call: 305-242-8122

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Black Tie Optional

Individual Tickets \$200

Table of 10 \$1750

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Ron Magill tours PATCHES and leaves the staff "star struck"



“WILD for PATCHES” Gala Sponsors



Photographers: Raquel Gonzalez, Karina Silva & Bonnie King-Moran

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A Big Thank You to...BATCH Gastropub...in Miami for hosting a fund-raising Happy Hour for PATCHES



The Gala Team wants to thank Cary Cohen for organizing the first Happy Hour to raise support funds for the up-coming gala. The evening's event was a huge success bringing in over \$4000 in just 3 hours of fun. The gang wants to know "when and where" the next "happy hour" will be.

Thanks to everyone who donated silent auction & raffle items for the happy hour and to those who came and joined in the fun. BATCH was a packed for PATCHES



Pt. of the Gala Team:

Top L: Warren Barnes, Tammy law, Cary Cohen, ML (Maria Luisa Gonzalez-Silva), Fernando Nin, Bottom: Kristina Vasquez, Gloria Ortiz and Sharon Fields

PATCHES Support Puzzle Pieces were a hit! Early in the evening they sold for \$2 each ...mid-evening until 9:00 it took a donation of \$20 to get a puzzle piece. They went like hot cakes!



Puzzle Pieces a PATCHES Junior Board Project



Our new friend Ashley & Gloria Anderton (Gala Team)

Yep, some-times it takes 4 people to read the numbers on the raffle ticket



Erica Chanti Gala Team



A great time...all for PATCHES



On-sight- continuing training at PATCHES

Suctioning & Trach Change

Tania Martinez MSN RN CPN- Clinical Educator a member of the PATCHES Team of professionals held a class for all of our EMT's this month. As a rule the EMT's haven't had to change a trach for one of the children on their bus. But should they ever have a need to do so they need to feel secure in their knowledge and comfortable in the process. Suctioning the air way and trach changing are life saving procedures. When it is a procedure that you don't do all the time it is best to have continued training just like CPR so that you know you are doing it right.

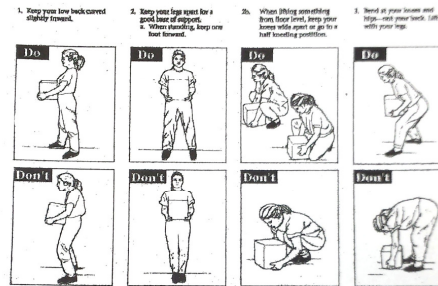
Thank you Tania, PATCHES and all our EMT's for giving your very best!



Proper Lifting of Children -
Ashlee Casarino-Director of Therapy & Occupational Therapist
Judith Rhodes- Physical Therapist



2. BODY MECHANICS: SEVEN PRINCIPLES FOR SAFE LIFTING



The **Proper Lifting of Children** class was held for all employees at PATCHES. Back trouble is one of the most common injuries all people suffer from. It is caused by improper lifting, reaching, straining and weak abdominal muscles. The PATCHES Team are constantly lifting children from one location to another or carrying them from one room to another. Even the littlest child can become quite heavy when you are carrying his or her medical equipment. This class was designed to remind all of us to use proper form when lifting.

Thank you Ashlee, Judith and PATCHES for reminding all of us how to take care of our backs.

“Connecting the Dots” Community Resource Fair

Connecting the dots between awareness & access to quality healthcare and valuable community resources

Phichol Williams
Community Center

951 SW 4th St, Homestead, FL 33030
September 20, 2014 12 noon to 5 pm

Food, Prizes and Surprises!
Join us for Wall to Wall Exhibitors with your best interest at heart

Free!



A special thanks to
Representative Joe Garcia
for attending



“Connect The Dots” resource fair was a success thanks to the sponsor support, vendors who participated, the volunteers who gave up their Saturday and Royal Palm Restaurant for donating all the food for the event.

Homestead, Florida City, Cutler Ridge and the surrounding areas have many services available for the community. Some of the services are free or at a very reduced fee. The resource fair helped to introduce the community to the services (vendors) that participated that day. The majority of the attendees didn't know so many services were available to them. We all agreed that this event met the need that day in more ways than one. And more resource fairs just like this one are needed in our local community.

Thank you to those who saw the need and did something about it.

"I did get some of the cake in my mouth"

Yep, sometimes we can't help but laugh!



Fashion Designer & Speech Therapist
Let me introduce you to PATCHES' very own
Kiwani Tapper



"Trend and Purpose joined together!"

Introducing @thebowtiekids

"The Bowtie Kids was founded and designed by licensed therapist Kiwani Tapper. The Bowtie Kids was initially created to fulfill a lifelong dream of working in the fashion industry but what took place during the design process was much greater. As a therapist working in a facility that helps children with special needs designer Kiwani wanted the kids line to not just be trendy but also purposeful. The Bowtie Kids will also create limited edition bows to spotlight other diagnoses during its specific awareness month. All of the designs are hand drawn by the designer, Kiwani Tapper. With each bow that accompanies the simplistic yet irresistible design, The Bowtie Kids seeks to draw awareness to various childhood diagnoses such as Autism and Down Syndrome. The simplicity in The Bowtie Kids is what gives the design its charm. The friendly face followed by the handcrafted bows is the essence of adolescence and a wardrobe necessity for your child."

by @bckmagazine

The Bowtie Kids
to benefit
PATCHES



Kiwani created a PATCHES Bracelet
pastel pink, blue, green and white
\$10.00 each
For every bracelet sold
PATCHES gets \$6.00 dollars

*Thank you Kiwi & The Bowtie Kids
for supporting PATCHES
We love you!!*

See Sharon or Brandi for bracelet purchase



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The iGive Button is on the PATCHES website under the Tab called Ways To Give. When registering the iGive Button gets uploaded to your tool bar.

Thank you in advance for helping PATCHES

Thank you to each and every friend
of PATCHES.

Dan Carter, Jennifer Mena &

Brighton Collectibles-at The Falls, for hosting
The "ONE DAY-TWO Hour"

Fundraising Event to benefit PATCHES
& all the Gala Sponsors, Underwriters, Table
Sponsors, Individual Ticket Holders, Donors of
Silent Auction items, Ad purchasers &

love donations.

Thank for everything you do for PATCHES!



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and it didn't cost an extra cent
to help the nursing center.
That's a "win-win" situation!

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