



# Kerry's Kids

Winter 2014-2015

## The Salvation Army: A 15-Year Partnership

Garden Street Center's Family Emergency Shelter - "With a hand up, not a hand out."

For more than 15 years, Kerry's Kids has partnered with The Salvation Army to provide free health care for the children who are staying in the shelter. When disaster strikes, The Salvation Army puts individuals and families back on solid ground. Whether it's a family on the street, an individual without food, or a community after a disaster, The Salvation Army is committed to rebuilding strength. Through their Family Emergency Shelter, which has 16 rooms and 84 beds, families are able to stay together during times of crisis and are provided with structured programs and an opportunity to live in a safe place. The Salvation Army provides access to social service programs, including help finding more permanent housing and employment.

In addition to these services, this site is also a designated disaster relief site for the Alameda County Office of Emergency and Disaster Services, which is prepared to provide shelter and food throughout the East Bay in the event of a large scale disaster.

Thank you to the volunteer doctors and dentist that make it possible for us to provide health care for the children at the shelter. **Carol Miller, MD** works at University of California, San Francisco and has been volunteering with Kerry's Kids for more than five years. She enjoys talking with the children and being able to answer a variety of questions that the parents have about health concerns, their child's development, behavior questions, and so much more. Dr. Miller says, "Providing a service to families during vulnerable and challenging times in their lives has been a fulfilling and heartwarming experience; I look forward to each clinic session eagerly. Working with an amazing team of staff and other providers is an added joy!"

**Sarah Postma, MD** (right) works at Hayward's Silva clinic and at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland. She volunteers with Kerry's Kids because "I believe that every child should have the opportunity for a healthy life and access to good medical care. I enjoy working at The Salvation Army clinic because getting to the doctor can be difficult with everything else going on in their families' lives. The simple solution? Bring the doctor to them! I love spending as much time as needed with each family and getting to know the amazing people that they are. I have learned so much from them and hope to continue serving them for many years to come."



**Andrea Salazar, DDS** (left) grew up in the San Francisco East Bay area and works in private practice taking care of children and adults. She particularly loves working with children and their parents, and knows that patient and parent education and early screening are crucial to prevention and treatment of cavities. She wanted to give back to the community that raised her, and so volunteers with Kerry's Kids to work with low-income families to provide dental screening and oral health education. Many of the parents of the children she has worked with through Kerry's Kids do not have dental insurance themselves or have not seen a dentist in five or more years, and are eager to ask her questions about their own dental concerns.

*We are grateful to The Salvation Army for giving us the chance to work with these families.*

## Asthma Camp Continues

By Jyothi Marbin, M.D., Camp Breathe Easy

Camp Breathe Easy is a 4-day, 3-night summer camp for children aged 8-12 living with asthma. In August 2014, Camp was held at Camp Arroyo in Livermore, California. Camp Breathe Easy provides children with asthma an opportunity to attend an overnight summer camp - an experience that may not otherwise be available to them. The program includes traditional camp activities as well as educational sessions on living with asthma.

Camp Breathe Easy is led by a team of highly qualified staff who are committed to children having a safe and fun camp experience. Medical services are supported by Kerry's Kids, allowing for 24 hour on-site medical coverage by doctors, nurses, and other medical personnel. This year, five physicians who work at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland, five pediatric residents, and five nurses provided medical care at the Asthma Camp for 69 campers. Most of the campers were from Alameda County, with a number from Contra Costa County as well.



This year, camp featured a ropes course, horseback riding, capoeira classes, swimming, art projects, gardening, and many other fun activities. The Asthma Carnival allowed campers to show off their newly acquired asthma knowledge, while winning prizes and having fun! To cap off their exciting stay at camp, campers worked in teams to produce acts for the Camp Breathe Easy talent show.

Camp Breathe Easy is grateful to Kerry's Kids for their continued support of Camp!

## A Celebration for Katherine Castillo



A celebration was held at the home of one of our board members, in honor of Katherine Castillo's 16 years of service to Kerry's Kids as our clinic site coordinator. Katherine has helped all our medical clinics run smoothly, enabling us to provide high quality medical care to the children we serve. Katherine has been a part of Kerry's Kids since its inception and continues to serve the organization with grace, passion and dedication.

We are grateful for the ever-increasing family of volunteers devoting their time to our mission. Many of these volunteers and four of the founding board members attended the party.

## Dr. Kerry Spooner Dean Award 2014

Emily Fletcher (right, in photo, with Dr. Pamela Simms-Mackey, Assistant Director of Pediatric Residency Program at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland) won the Kerry Spooner Dean award for her outstanding advocacy work to benefit children through her role as the AAP representative from Children's Hospital Oakland. She made an effort to educate health care providers about bills in congress as well as a variety of things physicians could do to address food insecurity and gun control. Congratulations to Dr. Fletcher; thank you for your strong advocacy efforts.



## A Thank You From the Spooner Family

"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light." *Albert Schweitzer*

Thank you to all of you who support Kerry's Kids with your monetary gifts, with your presence, and with your prayers. Our hearts are full.

Kerry's Mom and Dad, Mary and Herb  
Kerry's Sister Erin, Rick, Ellie and Lane

## Two Special 2014 Fundraisers - Thank You!

Dr. Jon Rosenson and Rebecca Lueck honored Kerry by hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> cocktail party and silent auction fundraiser at their home on March 15, 2014. This was the most successful yet, raising \$17,000 for Kerry's Kids. We are grateful for the support of the many individuals and local businesses, including Aquarium of the Bay, Asian Art Museum, Bakesale Betty, Berkeley Rep, California Academy of Sciences, CalShakes, Cheeseboard Pizza, Clara Lu Photo, Coyote Hearing Studios, The Dailey Method, Donkey & Goat Winery, Elmwood Wealth Management, Exploratorium, FabKids, Five Little Monkeys, Indian Valley Golf Course, Kid Dynamo, Kosta Browne Winery, La Farine Bakery, Love at First Bite, Lush Gelato, MoMo's Restaurant, Monica Michelle's Allied Arts Guild, Oaktown Spice Shop, Pedro's Cantina, Pete's Tavern, Phil's Sliders, San Francisco Ballet, and San Francisco Symphony. Thanks to everyone who attended and who bid at the auction, making this event a huge success!



Over in Marin County, another special fundraiser netted almost \$1,200 for Kerry's Kids, thanks to San Marin High School's California Scholarship Federation, led by senior Marissa Caldwell (center, presenting check to Kathy Dean). Marissa writes, "Although I have no formal relationship to Kerry's Kids, I've always felt connected to the organization. Kerry was a family friend and while I am too young to remember her, I grew up listening to stories about her kindness and dream to help children. Coincidentally, I've wanted to be a pediatrician since I was a toddler. Needless to say, the work of Kerry's Kids has always touched me."

In March of 2014, the local CSF chapter chose Kerry's Kids as the recipient of their annual fundraiser. The entire student body was touched by Kerry's Kids' mission and the fact that there are so many children who have a difficult time accessing medical care. The CSF chapter set a fundraising goal of \$1000, using a method called Penny Wars. In these "Wars," each class is given a jar with the goal of filling it with as many coins as possible. The CSF students spent a significant amount of time ensuring that each class knew about the recipient of this fundraiser, thereby spreading awareness of Kerry's Kids and its mission.

After her graduation this past June, Marissa began her pre-med studies at Wellesley College. We wish her the best in her pursuit of becoming a pediatrician.

***NEW THIS YEAR: we encourage you to sign up at <http://smile.amazon.com/ch/02-0569175> designating Kerry's Kids as the recipient of any purchases you make at Amazon. Kerry's Kids will receive 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible Amazon Smile items. Thanks to those who have already registered, we are receiving funds through Amazon Smile!***



## Our Mission Statement

"Kerry's Kids provides free health care and education to underserved children in their neighborhoods and seeks to facilitate that each child ultimately receives care in a permanent medical home."

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### Kerry's Kids relies on donations from corporations and individuals

Thank you to the many volunteers who generously donated their time, and a special thank you to everyone who gives to Kerry's Kids.

Please consider a contribution using the enclosed envelope or online through [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org). More information about online giving can be found at [www.kerryskids.org](http://www.kerryskids.org).

We also accept in-kind gifts of new or like-new items for the children and families that we serve. We are a 501(c) 3 organization, so your contributions are tax-deductible.

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