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10/30/2009

I asked God to take away my habit.

God said, "No.

It is not for me to take away,
but for you to give it up."

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, "No.

His spirit is whole,
his body is only temporary."

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, "No.

Patience is a byproduct of tribulations;
it isn't granted, it is learned."

I asked God to give me happiness..

God said, "No.

I give you blessings;
Happiness is up to you."

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, "No.

Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares
and brings you closer to me."

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, "No.

You must grow on your own,
but I will prune you to make you fruitful."

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, "No.

I will give you life,
so that you may enjoy all things."

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.

God said... "Ahhhh,

finally you have the idea."

10/20/09

New Sticky Note on Our Bulletin Board! The pink sticky note now says "Our Patients." We have posted updated lists of our patients by discipline and location. Choose your discipline. When you open the reports as saved by discipline, the actual report may not be correctly titled by discipline (because we don't know how to change the title in Lotus yet), but the info should be correct.

10/20/09

CHANGE OF DATE FOR CHRISTMAS PARTY!

The date for our Christmas party has been changed to **December 13th, Sunday, 1:30—3:30PM.** Hope you all will be able to attend. More info to follow later!

10/15/09

Thanks to Freta and Judy for a wonderful Breast Cancer Awareness bulletin board this month, and thanks to Darci for stepping up for PT Month as well.

(I can't wait to see what the Occupational Therapy and the Speech Therapy departments have planned for their special months!)



Life is not about waiting for the storms to pass. It's about learning how to dance in the rain!

10/15/09

Paige Wells, PTA has tendered her resignation, and her last day with us will be October 30th, 2009. She will be taking a full-time job at the Medical Center in Dothan. Paige has done a fantastic job with Sumlar Therapy for over two years, and I have certainly enjoyed working with her. I know our patients and their families will miss her greatly.

10/08/09

Answered Prayer

Had to share my praise report with you. I had tried everything I knew to get Cierra Smith to walk now that she is at school. Since Aug she would just lay in the floor in class but could walk at home, I have seen her do it many times and she HAS to have on her shoes. Well last week I was at my breaking point I had NO CLUE what to do and literally started praying for her and said God PLEASE show me what will get her to walk. Well I looked at her feet and said hmmm, lets try the shoes AND socks off not just shoes and she took 3 steps.(the whole time also thinking this child has serious sensory issues and it will never work) Nothing major but I told Kerri to try it again that week. She called me today and said she has been walking ever since as long as shoes AND socks are off. I told her it wasnt my idea it was ALL God. Thank you God!!!! Just wanted to share. I really need to pray a lot more I have a few other stubborn kids. LOL!
Kristi Gatlin, PTA

10/08/09

~~Employee Christmas Party—Save the Date!~~

~~WHEN: December 6th, Sunday
2PM—4PM~~

~~WHERE: Kristin's house in Ozark~~

10/01/09

Darci's engaged! Matt Smith asked Darci to marry him! Darci is planning a wedding for November, 2010 in Ohio. Matt is now stationed in Korea, arriving there last Thursday, where he will remain for a year. Congratulations and best wishes!

10/01/09

Therapist Weekly Schedules DUE ON THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH—please email, fax, or give your schedule to **JUDY**.

Please write your NAME on your schedule, and note any available or anticipated openings for EI referrals.

AGAIN—send schedules to Judy’s attention. This is a change in an effort to centralize and organize!

10/01/09

Caseload Communication Forms for Therapist Assistants:

Each therapist assistant is required to complete and turn in a CC Form each Friday to their supervisor. This needs to be consistent to keep our written communication at a top-notch level. Do not wait until Friday to fill this out—you should be filling it out as the days go along, so you don’t forget something important that your supervising therapist needs to know. If nothing out of the ordinary happened that week, you do not need to write anything next to the names on your form, but you still need to turn it in. Items of importance may include, but are not limited to: surgeries planned or happened, hospitalizations or illnesses, issues with equipment, teacher or parent comments, goals achieved, changes in physical or cognitive status, etc.

Meredith and Paige report to Kristin.
Mallory, Kristi, and Michele M. report to Darci.
Ashley’s supervisor will be determined.
Michelle D’s is to be determined.

If you have any questions as to how this form should be completed, please talk to your supervisor. Do not fail to email, fax, or turn in the form weekly, with the correct date on it, and the pages numbered so we can tell that we have the complete document.

Therapists supervisors: keep every CC Form you receive from your assistant therapists. I will be looking at the forms to see if and when these forms were rec’d by you prior to employee evaluations.

Therapists Assistants: Read the policy today for Therapist Assts posted on the website.

10/01/09

CHEERS FOR A CLEAN CLINIC!

Thanks to all who helped clean and organize the clinic on Sunday, September 13th. It is so refreshing to look inside these closets and on these shelves now, and to be able to find what you need so quickly. It’s just inspiring! Remember to keep the shelves over your desks neat and organized too. Try to keep most of the “desk” stuff up on the shelves to leave workspace below for people needing to do notes and projects.

Those of you who were here at the clinic on Tuesday, September 15th, know we had some special visitors from Birmingham. Everyone pitched in and cleaned the kitchen, floors, desks, bathrooms, and window sills—and dare I mention it—even the top of the refrigerator, before 10AM. We hid lots of boxes in closets, under table skirts, and even in the back of my van. We also hung up artwork that had been removed this summer during the repainting process, and added a few new things too. The two gentlemen who arrived mid-morning were with the Greater Birmingham Friends Chapter of AMBUCS, which is a charitable organization that serves people with special needs by donating Amtrykes (handicapped-accessible tricycles) and ramps. Dave Upton is the Chairman of the organization, and he was on his way to Dothan to meet with several individuals in an effort to start a chapter in our area. He and his friend took a tour of our facility and were very complimentary. They said they had never seen a “place for children that was so clean—even the windowsills are clean!” I was thrilled. Dave works closely with some of the therapists at Children’s Hospital in B’Ham, and he’ll be sharing with them what he saw in our clinic, and he was very pleased. I’m glad we grabbed the opportunity to

show off a little. Our reputation grows!

10/01/09

I have started using your emails just for priority information that needs to be passed on to you as an individual (ie, referrals, questions about patients, scheduling, etc). Instead of clogging your email account with non-priority info, I want you to be able to get to the important stuff in a timely manner.

Information for the group, "non-timely" info, is being posted only on the website now. Make sure you check the website **at least once a week**. Note that old postings, like August's postings, will be archived and can be accessed by clicking on "LOOK News" on the bulletin board, and then "Archive Postings" under "Welcome." The newest postings are now at the top of the page.

Please consider making our website your homepage. This will help you to remember to check the virtual "bulletin board" for all the newest news.