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Children's Chiropractic Center

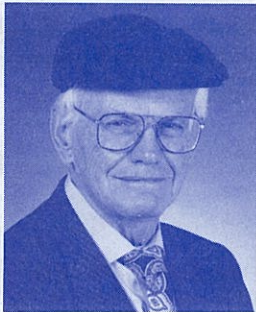
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Oklahaven Guatemala Story

Thanks to the generous support of Dr. William Harris and his Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education, Dr. Bobby Doscher was able to take advantage of a unique opportunity to demonstrate the power of chiropractic.



Dr. William Harris of the Foundation for the Advancement of Chiropractic Education

High up in the mountain-side town of San Lucas in Guatemala, Dr. Doscher adjusted severe and profoundly immobile children at a private school devoted to neurological rehabilitation. The Organization named "Censi," Centro de Superacion Integral, in English, Center for Holistic Achievement brought Dr. Bobby to Guatemala in its continuing effort to restore health to its brain-injured and/or subluxated children.

Censi was founded in 1995 by psychologist Marlene Marckwordt de Penados, whose ten-year affiliation with the Institutes for the Achievement of Human Potential in Philadelphia sent her to Japan, Italy and Mexico to prescribe home treatment programs for brain-injured children and their families.

Mrs. Penados learned of Oklahaven through her colleague, Phyllis Libby, Dr. Doscher's associate, also a former senior director of the Philadelphia Institutes. Phyllis has been working with Dr. Doscher to develop a unique melding of chiropractic and neurological organization philosophies combining adjustments and sensory programming in an effort to quicken the time frame for achieving wellness in profoundly disabled children.

Censi, like chiropractic, is founded on the premise that the body can heal itself. The concept of neurological organization that was developed by the institutes states that when the central nervous system is supplied with appropriate sensory stimulation and given maximum opportunity to perform the developmental hierarchal activities of crawling, creeping, walking and running, then the improvement of higher levels of human communication: reading, language, and writing will follow.

Censi's students suffer from birth traumas caused by forceps, vacuum extractions, tranquilizers anesthetics and labor inducing drugs, immunization reactions, accidents and illnesses which have affected their central nervous systems. Guatemalan children also bear the same plethora of symptomatic labels: hyperactivity, autism, cerebral palsy, dyslexia, etc. as American youngsters.

Mrs. Penados, Mrs. Libby and Dr. Doscher selected a group from the 50 children enrolled at Censi who had plateaued and were not moving ahead to their next

major functional milestones.

As the days unfolded so did the children. Eleven-year-old Luis Pedro, whose bilateral convergent strabismus had been complicated by a constant nystagmus, discovered after adjustments that the world was no



Luis Pedro, eleven years old, sits up without help.

longer shaking. He could see better and concentrate. His tight back, legs and hips began to relax, and he sat up on his own for the first time. He crept faster with a narrower knee base. He could see himself walking one day and wanted to become a chiropractor.

Seven-year-old Javier's chest percolated with congestion before adjustment. He was able to crawl on his belly, but was too rigid and weak to creep on his hands and knees. After adjustments, his breathing was deeper and quieter. Javier's entire body loosened and on the fourth day he could sit up and raise his head up. Javier had been trying to do this unsuccessfully for years; with chiropractic he achieved it after a few adjustments.

Four year old David was rendered blind, immobile, rigid and seizing after immunizations given when he lived in the USA. On the fourth day he was more responsive and searching for his mother's face in a new effort to focus on her.

Diego, an eleven-year-old boy, had

become comatose during heart surgery, losing his language, his right leg and arm bent and hand rigid and fisted, right eye severely divergent and barely able to walk. His improvements on the Censi program were impressive; he could read better than before his surgery, he regained walking and running, was able to begin using his right hand and he behaved more calmly, even dressing himself slowly. With chiropractic adjustments Diego opened his right hand even more. His feet were less internally rotated. His eyes converged more consistently, and his gait when walking and running became more even and his pace was faster. Diego was less frustrated and more courageous about new challenges.



Isabel is lying on the floor behind director, Marlene Marckwordt de Penados.

Julia "Isabel", a bright and charming seven year old, began her Censi program as an immobile child. She learned to crawl on her stomach but with great difficulty



Isabel sits independently with Dr. Bobby after adjustment on last day.



due to her extreme rigidity. Julia became

Dr. Bobby's Spanish translator in the few days they were together. After her adjustments Julia was able to sit independently and maintain an erect posture, holding up her head and using her arms with greater control.

For Dr. Bobby the experience of working on the Guatemalan children answered nagging questions about the length and duration of treatment. She has found that in recent years it has taken longer to achieve the same results that twenty years ago were resolved in only a few adjustments. Her observation is that American children's bodies are weaker and their energy is more compromised. Therefore it is more difficult to resolve their subluxations which allows the bodies innate vitality to restore health.

The Guatemalan children on the Censi Program ate a simple diet, whole grains and vegetables, with a minimum of processed sugars and dairy products. These children were outdoors in the sunshine and moving all day long at whatever levels of mobility they had developed. The combination of these factors builds more robust health despite their subluxations and/or brain injury. In addition the Guatemalans have suffered a minimum of iatrogenic disease. They showed a more immediate response to chiropractic, reminding Dr. Bobby of her American patients from years ago.

The children and parents of Censi are understandably appreciative and eager for chiropractic care. The improvements in these children means the development of an ongoing relationship with Guatemala and the continuation of Oklahaven's international effort to tell the Chiropractic story through the children.

How you can bring more children to Chiropractic and natural health care:

Pass this INLine on to a parent who has a child with a health problem.

Show our nine minute video that tells our chiropractic story through poignant testimonials of parents and children who represent a wide range of today's health problems- asthma, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, learning disabilities and cerebral palsy. Footage in-

cludes patient tracking up to seven years highlighted by a child deemed hopeless at birth and destined for an institution, walking and playing. A powerful story, riveting but gentle, with real people teaching the premise of chiropractic health care, ideal for office and civic groups. Yours for a tax deductible gift of \$40 plus \$5 shipping and handling.

There are many creative ways our chiropractic families reach the children in their local communities by having a special day for Oklahaven.

Successful events have a theme and even a catchy phrase to advertise them..

....example:
a "Spring Fling",
Special Chiropractic Gift,
Patient Appreciation Celebration and
Bring a Friend.

The publicity and sparkle generated by "Oklahaven's day" has brought new patients and spreads the chiropractic story. We extend our appreciation and thanks to all those chi-

ropractors who, through such events on behalf of Oklahaven, have reached out to more suffering children.

Your gifts of time, expertise and financial support, no matter how small, have opened many new doors for children.

We also thank the National Health Education Society, Inc for the many years of their constant supply of the "Voice of Health" magazines whose articles have highlighted children in chiropractic.

Sprucing up our "Greens" for Oklahaven's 35th Jade Celebration

Oklahaven Children's Chiropractic Center is 35 years old in August of 1997! Serving very sick children, keeping the doors open through private support, without local, state or federal aid, Oklahaven thanks all its supporters and welcomes you to join us in our celebration.

Update on Bricks, Back Yard and now, the Fence!

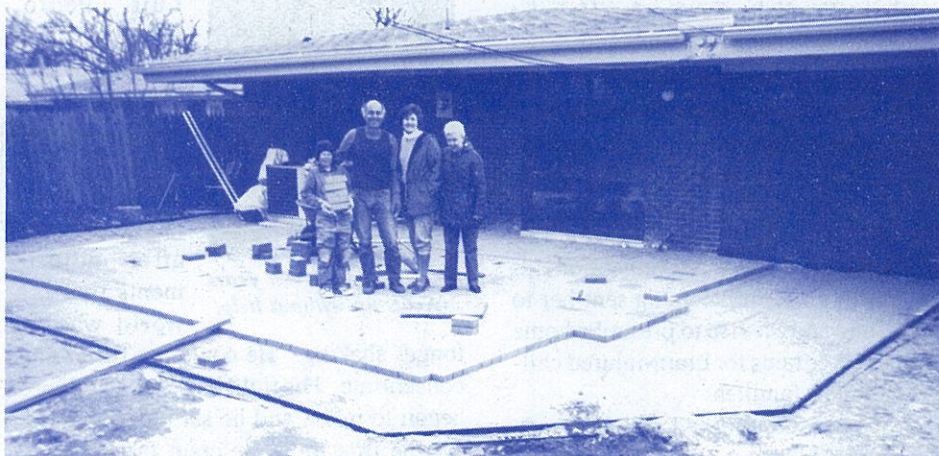
Special thanks to Dr. Bill Doscher whose construction skills have transformed and aligned the engraved bricks from our fundraiser begun two years ago.

To complete the backyard project your support can help us with a much needed new fence.

Levels of Giving:

a stick	\$25	some twine	\$50
hardware	\$100	post for	\$500

To honor our donors we will have a plaque with their names, according to the level of their contributions, placed near our terrace entrance.



Dr. Bill Doscher with his helper, Dustin Wulff, pauses in his efforts to align hundreds of bricks from donors for the new patio. Sally Brown, volunteer office manager, did a spell check and found the only brick misspelled was "scoliosis."

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