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With Oklahaven
Children's Chiropractic Center

Fall 1999

4500 N. Meridian

Oklahoma City, OK 73112

A SPECIAL OKLAHAVEN PATIENT

Caity was a 15-week premature baby, weighing 1 pound, 5 ounces. She was diagnosed at birth with spastic diplegic cerebral palsy; bronchopulmonary dysplasia; and an imperforate anus with a tear between the vaginal and rectal wall where feces came through, which was surgically corrected at one year. She weighed eight pounds when discharged from the hospital at six months.

A tracheal tube was inserted at age 4 months and removed at four years, which left Caity with a quiet "husky" sounding voice. She also has moderate dysarthria in pronouncing some words.

Her mother says Caity was stubborn even at three weeks old – the hospital had her on incubator tubes to make sure she was breathing all right and Caity kept pulling them out. They finally left the tubes out because Caity was breathing well without them . . . a fighter even then.

Caity has had numerous strong medications and antibiotic therapy many times, and was on four different medications when she came home from the hospital.

When Caity began coming to Oklahaven in January 1999, she was seven years old. Her parents had planned to bring her much earlier, but Caity's dad died and then there were family problems.

The school began pushing for a Bachtoux pump with toxic botulism in

Caity's spine and her mother just couldn't do that. She couldn't remember the name of the center where she and her husband had agreed to take Caity but thought she knew about where it was and one day got in her car and drove for about an hour until she found Oklahaven. She walked in, was able to talk to Dr. Bobby about Caity and began bringing her in three times a week.

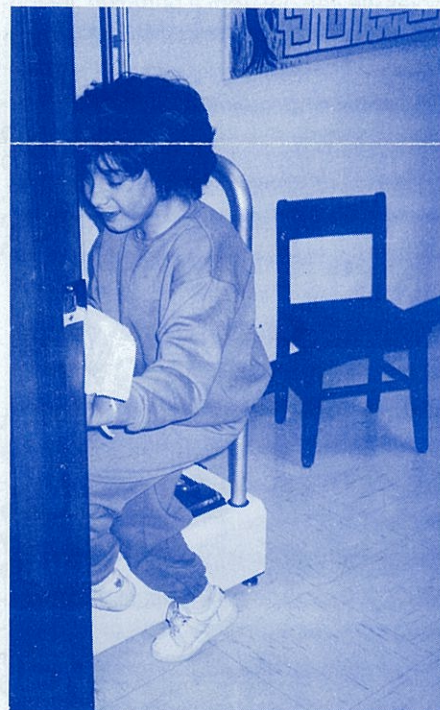
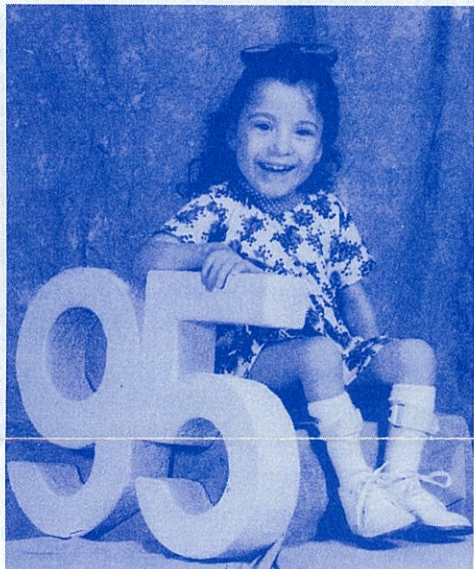
Because of family problems, it has been difficult, but they have done their best to keep regular appointments this past half year. Her mother says there have been several significant improvements, Caity had little feeling in her lower limbs and crawled with difficulty. Caity now crawls well, walks with assistance and is steadily improving. She has potty trained herself,

dresses and undresses herself, brushes her own teeth and is beginning to pull herself up from a kneeling position. She speaks more clearly, has a much better vocabulary, and her fine motor skills are improved – she draws and writes much better. Her mother said, "It was like Caity's brain wasn't firing right before and now it's all beginning to come together."

School has been an important part of Caity's life since she was three years old. She has never attended a special education class and is an honor student. Because of her fine motor skill problems, she does all her schoolwork either orally or on computer. During the entire time that Caity and

her mother were being "interviewed," Caity chattered, and chattered, and chattered. She talked about Smoky, the kitten she is babysitting, Halloween costumes from the last two years, what she wanted to dress up as at Christmas, what she wanted to draw for Dr. Bobby, Dr. Ed and the staff, and on and on. Clearly, a little girl who loves life and does well in her environment. Her mother said that if it weren't for Caity she would have given up so many times, that Caity has truly been an inspiration to her and for her. Caity loves everyone at Oklahaven and her mother loves it that they are treated like family at Oklahaven.

Caity is one of our special patients whom you support at Oklahaven.



Caity seven months after first treatment.

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*As you do one little thing
for love and love alone,
without any expectations of
reward, you are going to
find that life gives you more
and more.*

Harold Klemp

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

BY PAULA BARNES

As we are coming to the close of our second year of reaching parents, I realize how much we enjoy each other and appreciate a place to share concerns, and learn about parenting, good nutrition and helping our children become healthier and happier.

Several of us recently told our success stories and our experiences at Oklahaven in a taped interview. These are now included in the new two-sided Oklahaven audio tape and will soon be heard on our website (chiropractic4kids.com).

We found we did have a message to share. As we share our stories with each other, it becomes easier for us to share them with a greater circle.

Some of the things we have learned at our meetings in the past few months have covered essential oils (how they differ from fragrances and how they can be beneficial) and seasonal berries and all the delicious ways to enjoy them.

Our September meeting found us at our favorite meeting place, Martin Park Nature Center. We enjoyed a relaxing and informative walk through the park while Laurie, one of our parents, taught us about the nuts and seeds we found along the way.

Pumpkins were the focus of our October meeting at Oklahaven. We looked at all the goodies we can get from a pumpkin, including making pumpkin soup, pumpkin pie, and preparing the seeds for a great snack.

At our coming meetings we are featuring gardening, stocking staples in the kitchen and a field trip to see how soap is made. We will continue to visit Martin Park, not only because we learn so much from Laurie, but it is a perfect getaway for us in the middle of hectic life in the city.

CLINIC APPRECIATION DAYS FOR OKLAHAVEN

We want to thank several clinics that have contacted us and offered to have special appreciation days with proceeds to go to Oklahaven. Each clinic has done something innovative – some offer certain procedures on that particular day, others give the entire day and involve community business and individual donations.

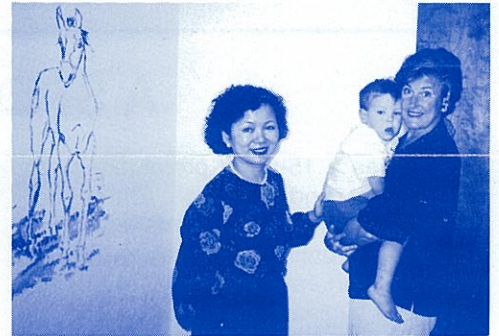
Our policy for the fundraisers has been to send 25 brochures and 25 newsletters, an audio and a video (which we ask the clinic to purchase) for \$50. Time and time again we have received comments that the clinics started the fundraisers to help Oklahaven and that they received benefits many times over what they ever could have anticipated. Patient education about what chiropractic can do, especially for the severely damaged child, increased patient visits and added children to their patient numbers.

We want each of you involved in our clinic fundraisers to know that you are as much a part of Oklahaven as if you were staff here. When you support us, you support what we do for the children, you support our educational programs, you are there for our Parent Support Group in their quest for the best health we can give the children, you are part of the cutting edge of the future showing the way for families to realize optimal health through chiropractic. Know that you share in our laughter and our tears and that we are stronger knowing that you help us carry the message of good health to the children through chiropractic. The world will see more and more that the severely damaged children are coming back to vitality and energy – the children will lead them.

If you would like to do an appreciation day fundraiser, please let us know.

DR. VISITS FROM CHINA

Visitors from China on a mission to help the Malaysian children were welcomed by Oklahaven Children's Chiropractic Center July 26th and 27th. A luncheon, provided by one of the directors, Tempie Nichols of The Earth Natural Foods and Deli, was held at the Center and attended by board members, staff, families and an intensive patient with his family from Mexico.



Dr. Sandra T. K. Leung, a member of several international chiropractic associations with practices in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia, and her assistant, Virginia, spent two days at Oklahaven talking at length with Dr. Bobby Doscher, observing the treatment techniques of Dr. Doscher, and talking with the parents and children. Dr. Ed Lynch, Dr. Rick Nash, Dr. Mary Cozart and Dr. Fang Mu proffered information and helpful statistics and comments to the visitors. The visitors observed children who had health problems ranging from asthma, seizures and accident injuries to birth trauma, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy and ADD.

The degree of health improvement experienced by the profoundly hurt children who were treated at Oklahaven was most impressive to Dr. Leung.

THANKSGIVING



Thank you! A thank you is just the beginning of our expression of gratitude for your generosity and faithfulness. The donors, staff and vol-

unteers are a necessary part of our outreach and of each child's path to better health. Know that you are a unique and important part in helping each child exude the essence of health, life and love.

FROM THE PUMPKIN PATCH



If you are one of the fortunate donors to have a hand-painted pumpkin, you know what fun they are!

Thanks, Dr. Bill, for another magnificent effort for the children!

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