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## With Oklahaven Children's Chiropractic Center

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### Honduras— "Oklahaven on the Move"



*Delights in sitting! Holding his head up, able to give eye contact with more facial expression especially his tongue.*

The first week of February, we were invited to San Pedro Sula, Honduras to adjust children, whose conditions ranged from profound immobility: cerebral palsy to mild learning disability to autism. The goal of this trip was to give more children the opportunity to be adjusted, and to support **Dr. Roberto Funk**. He has been an angel for the group **Funhcae**, (Fundacion Hondurena de Capacitacion Especial). Two families from the organization have come to Oklahaven, and were instrumental in bringing us there.

Our journey was deeply gratifying for the families, the professional team and for the children, especially young **Gustavo**. The nine-year-old was so rigid that his elbows were almost twisted forward and his arms misshapen. His head, neck, and pelvis were locked. Within three days he began to lift his head, was able to control his trunk and limbs, and sat up for the first time. The other mothers were teary-eyed with joy for Gustavo. His eyes were bright with hope as he and his mother were motivated again.

**Antonio**, a six-year-old, just came for an evaluation. He was hyperactive, walked on his toes, his eyes did not converge, and occasionally he repeated a single word after his mother said it over and over. He was noisy, clumsy, and barely able to follow single step instructions. Eight months ago he had a seizure. At the time he was on a psychotropic drug for hyperactivity. Then he was put on an anti-convulsant for the seizure and then needed sleep medication. Dr. Bobby, along with Dr. Funk adjusted him

but cautioned his parents that empowering the nervous system with chiropractic could result in more seizure activity. There could also be toxic release through rash, diarrhea, vomiting, drooling, sweating, fever, and normal orifice discharge.

Antonio did have a seizure early that evening and his family took him to the hospital. The other mothers were afraid but realized we could not go to the hospital. To our surprise, he returned the next morning! After Antonio's seizure, his mother said he was stronger and she would not allow the hospital to medicate him. His mother reported that he was now beginning to walk with his feet flatter. He was more alert, happier and repeated any word mom said after only one time!

The last great victory was the hardest to win. A fifteen-year-old autistic boy named **Leo** had done a neurological program for many years but had never had chiropractic. He was so big and tactilely defensive no one had tried for fear of his violent reaction. But Leo was very intelligent. With the help of his parents, Leo had worked hard to learn how to read and understand conversation. Since Dr. Bobby felt that Leo's parents were so dedicated and his mother was one of the leaders of the group, she asked to go to his house and adjust him.

When Dr. Bobby and Dr. Funk got there, Leo ran away. It took forty minutes to get him into

the house and to lie on his bed. Six adults had to hold him down. Dr. Bobby and Dr. Funk were able to adjust him for a few minutes. Leo was terrified and resisted, but we sensed he was feeling different and even better. He calmed down immediately afterward.

The next day mother reported that Leo had run in cross pattern without shaking his head from side to side or flapping his hands. His visual convergence was improved and his balance was better. His head was

more relaxed and he slept better that night. He was peaceful in a way mother had never seen before. The team returned to the house to adjust him one more time on the last day of their visit. This time Leo allowed the doctors to adjust him and only three people had to hold him as he did his best to tolerate it. He tried to talk all the way through the session and even smiled at the end. Dr. Funk and Leo's parents were confident that he could be adjusted on a regular basis.

We would like to thank all of our friends and donors who made this trip possible. We look forward to growing our commitment to the Honduran families, especially the brave mothers.

### The Parent Support Group: What It Feels Like to Have a Hurt Child

Years ago the world labeled the disabled children in unpleasant terms like "moron", "idiot", imbecile, "educable" or "trainable mentally retarded".

Slowly as more of these children appeared, their labels shifted: "handicapped", "challenged", or "special needs".

Today they are developmentally delayed, slow learners, hyperactive, dyslexic, have Asberger's, Tourette's, and the "autistic spectrum," and are abbreviated into ADD, ADHD, PDD, or ODD. The learning disabled labels are more euphemistic and more pointed, but the children are still the same, they cannot communicate and many are now violent at a very young age.

Yet, the children with paralysis and Down's Syndrome are classified the same, still having communication problems as the other children with the new state-of-the-art diagnoses.

We ask: why is there an increasing explosion of these children in our society?

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*"God's love, as it comes down and heals, does things its way."*

**Sri Harold Klemp**

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## President's Letter

**You** have made our wonderful work possible with your generosity! Thank you for supporting us as we spread the message of health for our children. Whether you are a donor, staff, parent, or volunteer, you are an integral part of Oklahaven. Your help brings more hope to hurt children.

It warms my heart every time I travel to see chiropractic received with such admiration and open hearts. I was honored to be on the Parker Pediatric Panel in Las Vegas this January. The thundering applause for Oklahaven truly touched and overwhelmed the staff and myself. Know you lift us higher and push us forward to each child everyday!

**"Oklahaven on the Move"** is really moving!

- We took our message north with the invitation to speak to Canadians at the Vancouver Health Show.
- Honduras to adjust children of FUNHCAE in San Pedro Sula
- Poland, again to adjust children. This time in Opole, "Fundacja dom Rodzinnej Rehabilitacji", The Foundation for Home Rehabilitation.
- Antwerp, Belgium to lecture at Voluntas, a nonprofit foundation for disabled children.

Our goal is to continue our travels, adjusting the children, teaching the professionals and parents!

- Don't worry, Florida! In August 2005: we will lecture in the morning and demonstrate in the afternoon. Hoping a hurricane does not stop us again!

**Oklahaven seminars lined up here at the Center:**

• **June 18, 2005;**

**How to Evaluate a Child's Neurological Age**

• **September 17, 2005;**

**Techniques for the Severely Hurt Child.**

We hope to see many of you there! OR, if you want us to come to your area, give us a call!!

Thanks to **Dr. Monty Harris** for being the new Director of the Clinic and to Dr. Marah Rutland for her weekly service.

I would also like to thank OU and the Big Event for their support and the beautification of our gardens.

On a personal note, I have found our children of late have been even more profoundly hurt—almost comatose, limp, and seizing. I call this **"beyond Autism."** Yet, with the hard work of dedicated mothers, these children are regaining their health—some almost to full function.

The human body never ceases to amaze me. As I feel the children's cries, the mothers' pain almost brings me to tears with each new story. Their love and perseverance humbles me and fills me with gratitude to have found chiropractic, to lead me on my journey... The adjustment, the parents and the children all show me their strength.

Love, Dr. Bobby



**Back (L-R):** Paula Barnes, Parent Support Group; Mike Richards, Naturopath; Dr. Bobby Doscher, President/CEO; Dr. Monty Harris, **Front (L-R):** Phyllis Libby, Neuro-Development; Lisa Tran; Leab Sullivan

## Have A Heart

**The response to "Have A Heart 2005"** and the children is pouring through our doors! The openness of hearts is overwhelming and oh so very touching! Thanks to the 12 chiropractic colleges, the hundreds of chiropractic offices, and the office staffs for extending

our message to their patients and colleagues, to make this year's campaign happen in the most wonderful way!

When we said, "Be as creative as you want to be."... You came to bat; we've had massage-a-thons, hearts of every color in the rainbow, and patient appreciation days... the list goes on and on...

**"Have A Heart"** moved into our community, the **Wild Oats Health Food Store** in Tulsa, Oklahoma



*Hearts for children and chiropractic hanging in the "Wild Oats" health food store in Tulsa, Oklahoma.*

### Parent Support Group, continued from page 1

At Oklahaven, we see the chiropractic premise revealed. Their life force is more diminished as children are exposed to more stress, trauma and toxicity with the emphasis on toxicity.

Parents who are searching find Oklahaven—a straightforward journey that paves the way back to health. Believing their children are spiritual beings, not to be labeled with a diagnosis, these children are "hurt," manifesting dis-organization.

"Taking the leap of faith that a natural drug free

lifestyle would help our son was the toughest decision we ever had to make. It was terrifying at times and yet while things are still difficult we could never go back to the way things were. I wish more families knew that this way of life was an option."

**The pain parents feel at first:** Their stories, their grief and their joy on this difficult road of life have a common thread. All their stories expressed the spiritual lessons of life. "I felt fear—when we were told it was going to be one way only, and that there was no other way." *There are as many ways as there are people!*

### Responsibility

☆ "I feel more responsible."

☆ "I realize that I could have put my daughter and my other two kids in school and allowed someone else to deal with her problems, but I know I was given a 'hurt' child whom I have the duty to help... during this process of research, growth, discovery, therapy, and healing I have found myself extremely frustrated and blessed at the same time. Selfishly frustrated, this journey with my daughter has slowed down my own personal goals which has led to depression, anxiety, and even anger of 'why me?'"

### Feelings

☆ "In one day I can feel so many different feelings—sad, empowered, grateful, secure, worried. I feel like I am more loving because of my hurt child. I have a deeper relationship with my child because I have to find the wholeness in him"... each moment.

### Surrender

☆ "This experience has made me a better listener and less of a whiner... both vulnerable and defensive. We find ourselves being over protective and susceptible to the woes of others. We learn to take one day at a time and to give our bad days to God because sometimes that's all we can do."

### Compassion

☆ "When I see a child younger than [my son] or the same age as [he is], who is doing so much more than [he can] and is "running rings around him," it is like a knife going through my heart—the pain of [him] not achieving his developmental goals as other children."

### Dedication

☆ "You give up a whole lot—the whole family does. But there are rewards... our family is closer."

☆ "It's these moments that I have to just focus on how far we have actually come... well and stay living in the moment with him." For all we have is the moment. It is the focus and the vision of health that heals.

### Love

☆ "When you have a hurt child you see what matters in life. You learn patience, acceptance and perseverance. You celebrate the smaller things in life. It's the hardest thing I have ever had to do."

### Gratitude

☆ "Most of all seeing the small changes that make the big ones has changed me as a parent..."

### Sharing and giving back to life

The chiropractic premise is from the inside out. With each adjustment, the subluxation is removed and the interference is released. The nervous system restores the impulses that rebuild and increase the

conscious expression of the life force, within the children, to organize their sensory motor function.

Our message is becoming a beacon of light that cannot be ignored!

## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

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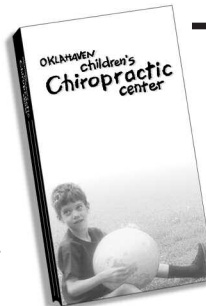
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