The Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults provides therapy to people with physical disabilities regardless of their financial abilities. We depend on donations for services that are not covered by insurance. The Palm Beach County Commissioners Department of Community Services has helped our patients since 1990. Their program monitor, Lorenzo Taylor, recently met with Janizzette Ortega and Madeline Warren for input on our services.

Janizzette is recovering from a car accident which broke her neck and resulted in traumatic brain injury. She has improved in her balance, coordination and memory with Physical, Occupational and Speech Therapy. Her mother, Madeline, is also receiving therapy services as a result of injuries while caring for her daughter. Their health insurance paid for initial services but not long-term care so they are grateful that the Rehabilitation Center can provide therapy as long as needed. We celebrated when we heard Janizzette say, “I went to the prom and danced the whole night. I brought the walker just in case, but I didn’t use it!”

The Speech-Language Pathology Department provides therapy to children and adults with communication problems. The Scottish Rite Foundation has helped our Rite Care clinic families since 1991.
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The Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults provides individual quality services thanks to donors who respond to our mailings and special events. The annual Spring Luncheon raises funds and friends to support our programs.

Kudos to Chairman Susan Kirkpatrick and Co-Chairman Pam Mettler who made the Spring Luncheon a success. They are pictured here with 3-year-old Betsy Huerta. Because Betsy had shoulder weakness at birth (Brachial Plexus), she has received Occupational Therapy with Donna Holmstock since her first weeks of life through the Rehabilitation Center. Preschool Director Leslie Kelly reports that Betsy enjoys learning on the playground and in housekeeping with her classmates. She works to strengthen her right arm to improve her fine motor skills for dressing, eating and holding her paper when writing her name. She is motivated, beyond her years, to use her weaker arm for carrying large objects, opening containers and even uses her left arm to assist her right arm when she cannot bring it high enough when dancing. She lives with her parents in West Palm Beach where the family cooks great big meals.

Staffed by a team of dedicated professionals including licensed physical, occupational and speech therapists, the Rehabilitation Center also has an indoor heated pool as one of the modalities for treating people with diagnoses such as arthritis, stroke, joint replacement, sports or work injuries. Medicare and insurance payers are billed for these services.

Proceeds from the Spring Luncheon benefit the Rehabilitation Center’s comprehensive outpatient medical rehabilitation programs. The funds raised support services for families who are under or uninsured. Past chairwomen of the Spring Luncheon include Tami Collier, Trish Donnelley, Paget Ferrell, Denise Hanley and Joan Van der Grift.

Committee members include Christine Aylward, Ann Blades, Carol Collins, Linda Salandra Dweck, Cathy Flagg, Patricia Francis, Mary Harper, Linda Hunt, Roshan Massoumi, Kim Raich, Leslie Randolph and Tina Roberts. New committee members are Nellie Benoit, Julie Reveley and Sue Strickland. Gunster Yoakley & Stewart, PA, represented by Daniel Hanley, was the sponsor for this event.

If you would like to attend next year’s Spring Luncheon, save the date May 3, 2006.

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