PRESCHOOL REUNION
celebrating the 20 year partnership between the
Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults
and the
School District of Palm Beach County
On April 2, 2008, Dr. John Christopher Whelton became the 22nd president of the Board of Governors for the Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults. Outgoing President Heather Henry transferred the gavel and thanked him for accepting this leadership position. Dr. Whelton began his volunteer service at the RCCA in 1977 so he brings a unique historical and medical perspective to this position. He is a practicing rheumatologist, a specialist in arthritis. Born in Cork, Ireland, he graduated from Medical School at the National University of Ireland; he completed his internship and residency at Johns Hopkins University Hospital and Oxford University Hospital. He worked at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and received the Army commendation medal. He continues as an active volunteer including statewide leadership roles at the Arthritis Foundation. Dr. Whelton and his wife Mahnaz have lived in Palm Beach for 34 years and they have three grown children. He says, "The RCCA is necessary and helpful for this community. The board members' goal is to continue to maintain the highest standard of care for people with physical disabilities."

The RCCA has had 21 remarkable Board of Governor presidents. Ten of these volunteers continue their active involvement helping people with physical disabilities. The RCCA was founded in 1940 as the Crippled Children's Society to serve people with polio. This year, over 1,000 children and adults from all corners of Palm Beach County will receive help improving their quality of life. We salute our past presidents for their 68 years of leadership and dedication toward improving people's physical function, communication and independence.
Welcome New Board Members

Bill Soter  Boo Van Ingen

Congratulations New Honorary Board Member

Kay Rybovich
YOU HAVE A CHOICE

As a consumer, if you need therapy, you can choose where you go and whom you see. You may ask your friend, your neighbor, your insurance company or your physician. Ultimately, you are the one who chooses.

You can initiate therapy at the RCCA by calling 655-7266, or by asking your doctor to fax a prescription to 655-3269.

For more information go to www.rcca.org or come in anytime to ask for a tour.

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Patient’s Name: ______________________________

Daytime Phone: ______________________________

Diagnosis: ________________________________

Onset: ____________________________________

  __ Physical Therapy
  __ Occupational Therapy
  __ Speech-Language Therapy

_________________________________________
Physician’s Signature & Date

RCCA Staff

Physical Therapy
Ellen O’Bannon
Fran Guardo
Paul Hughes
Miriam Diaz
Susan Holmes
Rich Sylvester
Barbara Candales
Dawn Favia
Kat Shealy

Occupational Therapy
Donna Holmstock
Camy Dreifuss
Kelli Jacobs

Speech-Language Pathology
Leslie Kelly
Kelly Linkous
Jaclyn Theeck
Sofia Tzavaras

Preschool
Arjean Hitchcock
John Stone

Administration
Sheree Davis
Pam Henderson
Marybeth Hight
Themis Quiros

Barbara Candales with Aiden and Rowan
Aren’t they adorable?!!
The Scottish Rite Foundation has helped our Rite Care clinic children since 1991. They support the speech-language pathology therapy for children with communication problems with annual contributions.

Graciela Paramo Delgadillo, a 24 year old with left hemiparesis following a stroke and heart surgery, is using the upper cycle with Physical Therapist Fran Guardo and Occupational Therapist Camy Dreifuss. Graciela wrote, "Besides having the best equipment, knowing that the therapists care about the well being of their patients is the best motivation."

Jack Nightingale, a 57 year old with left hemiparesis following a stroke and heart surgery, is using the lite gait system with Physical Therapist Assistant Rich Sylvester and Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Director Ellen O'Bannon. Jack said, "I wish I had a lot of money to give to RCCA for its future use. The people, therapists, facilities, everything is terrific."

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Trip Moore at United Way "We look forward to continuing our partnership and extend our best wishes for the success of your programs and services which are necessary to so many people in Palm Beach County."

Michael Smith at Charity Navigator "Based on the most recent financial information available, we have calculated a new rating for your organization. We are proud to announce Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults has earned our third consecutive 4-star rating for its ability to efficiently manage and grow its finances. Only 9% of the charities we've rated have received at least 3 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults outperforms most charities in America in its efforts to operate in the most fiscally responsible way possible. This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

Tessie Watts at Nonprofits First "Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults, Inc. has demonstrated compliance with 100% of the Mandatory Certification Standards for the 2007 Supplemental Certification Assessment Tool. This is a tremendous accomplishment, and a reflection of the hard work your management team has done over the past year to maintain certification status. Congratulations to you, your Board and staff for your commitment to excellence in nonprofit management."
The Rehabilitation Center for Children and Adults provides individual quality services thanks to donors who respond to our mailing and special events. The Spring Luncheon raises funds and friends to support our programs.

Kudos to Chairman Christine Aylward and Co-Chairman Sue Strickland who made the May 2008 Spring Luncheon a success. They are pictured with 5 year old Martina McManus who was born with a profound hearing loss in both ears. Because of intensive therapy, Martina will soon be enrolled in a regular kindergarten.

The Rehabilitation Center staff includes licensed Physical Therapists, Occupational Therapists and Speech-Language Pathologists. The facility has an indoor heated pool as one of the modalities for treating people with diagnoses such as arthritis, stroke, joint replacement and sports injuries. Medicare and third-party payers are billed. Proceeds from the Spring Luncheon support services for families who are under- or uninsured.

Contributors to the Spring Luncheon include past Chairwomen Trish Donnelley, Paget Ferrell, Denise Hanley, Susan Kirkpatrick, Pam Mettler, Julie Reveley and Joan Van der Grift. Committee members include Sarah Alsofrom, Nellie Benoit, Tori Baker, Tina Berman, Ann Blades, Carol Collins, Linda Salandra Dweck, Mary Harper, Laura Johnston, Roshan Massoumi, Lynn McKenna, Aileen Newquist, Kim Raich, Crista Ryan and Lucy Webster.

Gunster, Yoakley & Stewart, PA, represented by Dan Hanley, was the sponsor for this event.

If you would like to attend next year’s Spring Luncheon, please save the date May 6, 2009.
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PHYSICAL THERAPY

DIAGNOSES TREATED

Arthritis
Athletic Injury
Back & Neck Pain
Balance & Vestibular
Cardiac
Carpal Tunnel
Cerebral Palsy
CVA, Stroke
Developmental Delay
Hand Injury
Knee & Hip Replacement
Mastectomy
Musculoskeletal
MS, Parkinsons
Neurological
Orthopedic
Rotator Cuff
Speech & Language
Spinal Cord Injury
Tendonitis
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PRESCHOOL

THERAPY GOALS
Activities of Daily Living
Ambulation
Balance
Communication
Coordination
Muscle Function
Range of Motion
Self Care
Strength

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