



Newsletter



President's Message

CARES Celebrates "45 Years of Service"



Mindy Halls, President of CARES, and **Isabel Milan, RN**, Chief Nursing Director, LAC+USC Medical Center, pose for a picture before the CARES Annual Meeting. Isabel Milan attended the event to extend her appreciation for CARES' support of Nursing and patient services at the Medical Center. Mindy Halls was master of ceremonies.

CARES Annual Awards Meeting, April 30, 2014

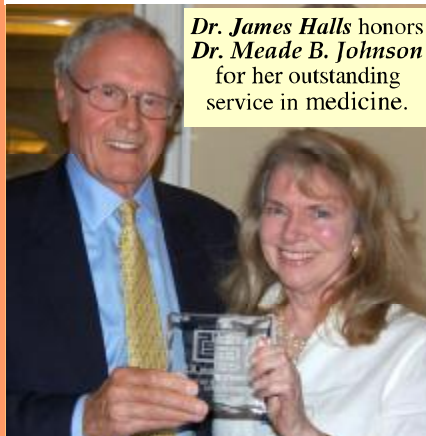
CARES Annual Meeting was once again held at the Valley Hunt Club in Pasadena. **Meade B. Johnson, M.D.**, was the CARES Woman of the Year in Medicine. The speaker for the event was **Nancy Mullenax, Ph.D.**, Executive Director of the Wellness Center.



Sarah McKinney & Kathy Lohr (new CARES Board member), retired LAC+USC Nursing Directors.



Patty Godoy-Travieso, Maria Tomé and Sandy Correa attended to honor CARES for services that are being provided to the Pediatric Service.



Dr. James Halls honors **Dr. Meade B. Johnson** for her outstanding service in medicine.

Silvia Pavano (new CARES Board member) recently retired LAC+USC Administrative Assistant ↓

CARES Board Member **Norma Zagorsky**



Agnes Chaney, A 2014 ↑ Los Angeles County Volunteer of the Year



Come Read With Us!!!

Maryann Kristan, founder and leader of the Pediatric Reading Program, shared information about her fantastic program that emphasizes the importance of engaging children in the joys and rewards of reading.

Dr. Johnson will also receive funding from CARES to assist with needs in the Mammogram service which she refers to as "MammoLand"



Long time CARES Board Members, **Vicki Carlson & Meg Hamabe**, retired LAC+USC Nursing Directors



Kittie Frantz, RN, from LAC+USC OB Dept. shows off Medical Center logo onesie given to newborns & logo bear given to patients, both children & adults, as a comfort gift. →



Christine Rufolo, CARES VP of Recruitment, **Dr. Johnson** and Guest Speaker, **Dr. Mullenax**, share information about their roles of service at LAC+USC

CARES: A Proud Sponsor of the

10 am-2 pm

1st Annual Kidz Health Fair

6/7/14



Teddy Bear Clinic

The "Teddy Bear Clinic," staffed by the Department of Pediatrics, provided children the opportunity to take a teddy bear through a series of pretend medical experiences that are common in clinic and hospital visits. The goal was to help children become more comfortable with the medical environment should they ever need medical attention. Many of the supplies, including the teddy bears, were donated by CARES.



Maria Tomé, Child Life Specialist, displayed how the Teddy Bear Clinic would work at the CARES Annual Meeting.



Free fruit was supplied by CARES to dietician **Sarah Simental** to give to children who were weighed in, had their height measured, and listened to "Healthy Tips on How to Stay Fit."

Kat Albeen and **Cecelia Stinson** represented CARES and shared with the public about free childcare and the many CARES sponsored programs to benefit patients and families at the Medical Center.

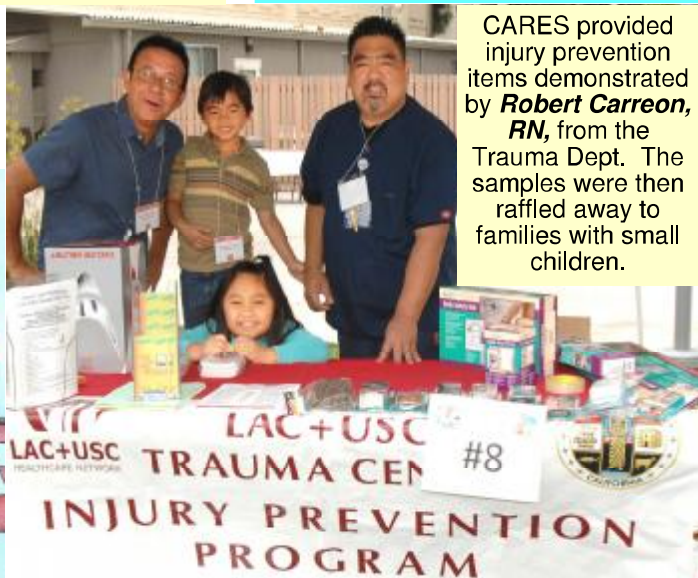
The 1st Annual Kidz Health Fair was held on Saturday, June 7th in front of the Children's Village at the LAC+USC Medical Center. More than 40 sponsors provided free services and resources on health education, safety, injury prevention, nutrition, and car and booster seat safety education. CARES Childcare staff, **Gabriela Valdepena** and **Maria Ruiz**, ran a fun game area and gave away prizes to all the participating children. Families were entertained by music, dancing, exercise classes and special guests **Sandra Chavarria** (Latin American celebrity producer), and comedian **Sergio Bruna**. The children were greeted by costumed Superheroes, Amazing Turtles and even a Princess!



"The Pediatric Health Fair was a great success. Thank you to everyone who participated."

"Special thanks to CARES for the awesome 'Timmy the Dinosaur Goes to the Emergency Room' educational activity books."

Sandy Montero, ER Nurse



CARES provided injury prevention items demonstrated by **Robert Carreon, RN**, from the Trauma Dept. The samples were then raffled away to families with small children.

"Dear CARES, The safety equipment was such a big hit! People didn't know they existed nor where to purchase them. I was happy to inform them that the CARES Gift Shop has them for sale. Thank you so much for your generosity." **Robert Carreon, RN**

Injury Prevention Coordinator
Department of Trauma

A Wonderful Surprise for the Medical Center and CARES

In May, a gentleman called from his homeland in South Korea. Thirty-one years ago, **Myung Su Jeon** lived in Southern California with his wife and children. At the time he had lost his job as an engineer, his mother **Yeon Soon Choi** became ill. He didn't know where to turn. He brought his mother to the LAC+USC Medical Center and learned that she had a terminal illness. The community and the Medical Center staff supported him and his family through these difficult times. The devoted caregivers at General Hospital took excellent care of his mother during her last days and were so supportive of his family.

Since then, Mr. Jeon has wanted to give something back to show his gratitude for all that was done for his family, especially for his Mother. On May 27, now 70 years old (the same age his mother was when she died) he brought his entire family from South Korea to the Medical Center to meet with Margie Dolinski, Executive Director of CARES, in her office in



Three generations of the **Jeon Family** gathered in General Hospital to "Give Back!"

General Hospital where his mother had been a patient.

Mr. Jeon donated \$10,000 to CARES which the CARES organization matched. With tears in his eyes due to memories of visits spent here during his mother's illness, he expressed his great appreciation for the LAC+USC Medical Center staff of long ago and their desire to help others. CARES will use the funding to improve the environment of the

many waiting rooms throughout the Medical Center. On the advice of **Dan Castillo**, CEO, LAC+USC Medical Center, CARES Board of Directors thought that this was the appropriate expenditure of the funds. The Arts Program will place artwork in these areas, thus making the waiting rooms a warm and inviting area for families of the patients served here.

Thank You!



Pictured clockwise at CARES Annual Meeting: **Sue Femino, Cynthia Berne, Weta Mathies, Gwen Babcock**, all long time friends and supporters of CARES' mission.

Donation to Benefit Children in Loving Memory of **Aida Duarte**

Because of **Aida Duarte's** great love of children (she was a faithful and dedicated CARES volunteer), her daughter, **Dr. Maria Appleman**,



Dr. Maria Appleman is pictured with her grand-niece **Paula Kepfer** from Guatemala City

a former CARES Woman of the Year (1993) in Medicine, decided to make a donation in her mother's memory to benefit the children of the Medical Center. Her donation of \$10,000 will be used to make needed improvements to the Pediatric Unit. This area will be transformed into a child-friendly environment where pediatric patients and their families are brought together, thus improving their Medical Center experience. Aida certainly would have been pleased and touched by her daughter's remembrance of her in this way.

Donations in her memory were also received from Aida's neighbors to be added to the fund for this Pediatric project. The CARES Board of Directors voted to match donations received in honor of Aida, thus ensuring that the Pediatric area will be appropriately decorated.

Everyone is excited about the opportunity to make the Pediatric Unit a more welcoming and cheerful place.

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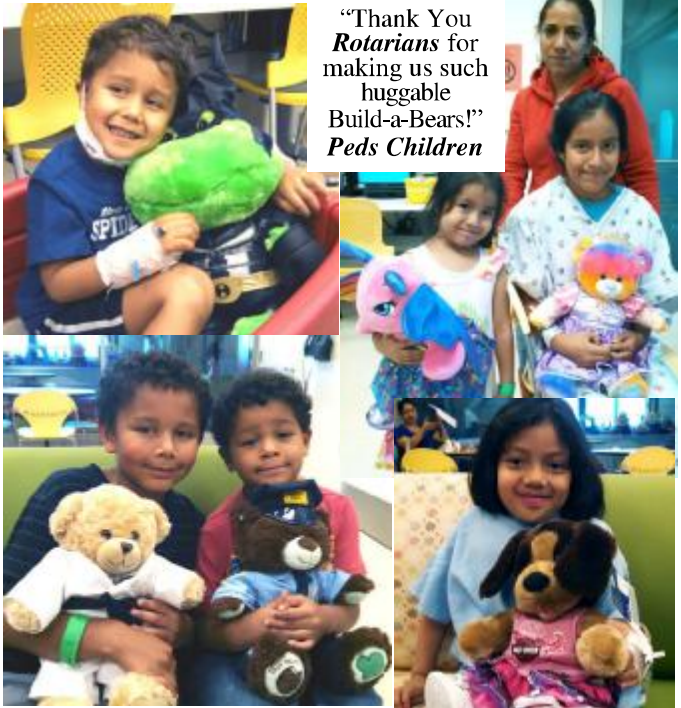
Board members (L-R) *Toby Horn, Agnes Chaney, Cynthia Berne,* and *Norma Zagorsky* once again volunteered at the Trauma Survivors' Event on May 10th in Inpatient Tower.



♥ *Toby Horn* attended the planning meetings for the event. CARES donated fresh flower centerpieces, a countless number of balloons, and gifts for each of the survivors who attended (children, teens and adults).



♥ The whole Trauma Survivors' event was a celebration of life!



"Thank You Rotarians for making us such huggable Build-a-Bears!"
Peds Children

In Memoriam
Elizabeth (Betty Ruth) Austin

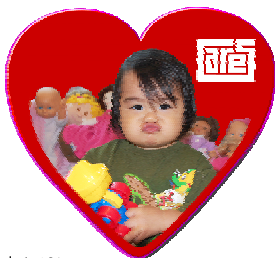
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Valentine Mail Appeal

Heartfelt thanks to the following generous supporters who have donated from 1/29/14 to 6/26/14:
(Donations received previously were listed in the previous CARES Newsletter)



(\$240-\$450)

Cynthia and Tom Berne

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Neighbors of Aida Duarte  Aida Duarte

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(\$130-\$190)

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(\$15,000)

Anonymous Friend of CARES

(\$10,000)

Dr. Maria Appleman  Aida Duarte

Myung Su Jeon  Yeon Soon Choi

(\$5000)

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St. Lazarus Village *Hansen's Fund

(\$1000)

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An envelope is enclosed for your convenience if you would still like to donate to CARES Valentine Mail Appeal **Thank You!**

(Donations are continued on the reverse of this page)



CARES 2014 Outstanding Nurse of the Year:
Stefanie Kern, R.N.



Congratulations from her proud Mother & Daughter to Nurse of the Year **Stefanie Kern!**

Stefanie Kern, R.N., has worked at the LAC+USC Medical Center for nearly 13 years, including specialty areas such as the Cardiac Care Intensive Care Unit and presently in the Department of Emergency Medicine (DEM). She is highly skilled as a triage and emergency room cardiac and critical care nurse. Her main strength is her compassion for the patient population that is served within the DEM. She utilizes her knowledge to provide high-quality individualized care. She has served on the Emergency Resuscitation Task Force, is a preceptor and mentor to other colleagues at the yearly Skills Validation Station for the DEM, and is

a role model to all those who have the pleasure of knowing her.

Since working in the DEM, she has received several “Shining Star Awards” and has been acknowledged by her co-workers and patients for her caring demeanor and excellent care. Recognized by the DEM with the “Paul Tobias Award” for compassionate caring, she has a passion for all the patients she serves and wants to give to those who are less fortunate.

She worked as an EMT for 9 years before receiving her nursing degree at Cypress College and plans to pursue her Bachelors of Science in Nursing. She is married, has a two-year old daughter, and enjoys gardening and photographing people.

Valentine Mail Appeal

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Heartfelt thanks to the following generous supporters who have donated from 1/29/14 to 6/26/14:

(\$40-\$70)

- Anonymous* *Weta Mathies
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- Helen Zachario*
- Norma Zagorsky*
- Gloria Zappaterreno, Ph.D.*

(\$10-35)

- Mary Blair*
- Nancy Castillo* Betty Ruth Austin
- Dr. & Mrs. Stebbins Chandor*
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- Betty Porche*
- Sheridan E. Smith, R.N.*



Welcome to new CARES Board Member **Richard B. Brock, RN**

Please check CARES new website:
lacusccares.org
for more up-to-date information about CARES' programs

Agnes Chaney, 2014 Volunteer of the Year
Health Services, LAC+USC Medical Center

Agnes Chaney was one of the “Community Heroes” honored by the County of Los Angeles at the 32nd Annual Volunteer of the Year Awards on April 7, 2014 at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion. She began her volunteer service in high school and continued to volunteer for CARES when she could while working as a LAC+USC Management Secretary. Now retired, she serves on the CARES Board of Directors, works in CARES Thrift Shop, makes jewelry to raise funds for patient programs,



Agnes Chaney & son Josh

and procures clothing for patients being discharged. Her talents are many and she is an inspiration to all. She has dedicated her life to serve patients in so many ways.

Congratulations!



CEO **Bill Fujioka** presents **Agnes Chaney** with the L. A. County scroll

Agnes Chaney with CARES Board Members (L-R) **Margie Dolinski, Mary Rea, Mindy Halls, Cynthia Berne and Weta Mathies.** at the L. A. County Volunteer Awards

