Stockton-Newsletter

Looking back

The winter months here at My Friends were filled with fun, artsy activities.

The children had a great Thanksgiving feast. They made their own placemats under their yummy plates filled with chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, along with their nutritious

wegetables.



the children welcomed Santa Claus and received their gifts for being good children throughout the year. No coal this year!

Music therapy has been a hit! The children and staff love our new Mu-

sic Therapist! She engages with the children and is very upbeat with songs and instruments.





Reminder to parents

Please provide your kids with extra clothes/diapers/ wipes to keep at the center.

*Please email updated IEPs to the center Director.

Mark your calendar

The last day of school for Stockton and Lincoln Unified School Districts is May 29, 2025. For Lodi Unified School District, the last day will be June 2, 2025.

*Center closed on June 22, 2025 for Company Picnic.



What's happening

We are so excited about the warmer weather coming soon. We ordered a few more outside toys for the kids. We will continue to have monthly visits from our music therapist and plan on visits from a therapy dog as well. We will hand out permission slips for dog therapy and a few upcoming field trips or walking trips soon.



Meet Lilah

Lilah recently turned one year old. She loves watching *Ms. Rachel* and *Super Simple Songs* on YouTube. One of her favorite songs is the *Good Morning Song.* Her favorite thing to do at the center is hang out with



her favorite nurse, Jenny. Lilah's favorite foods are mango baby food and baby puffs. Lilah and her family love to go on family trips.





<u>Congratulations on 10 years with</u> <u>My Friends PDHC Cynthia!</u>



Cynthia has been a dedicated employee of My Friends for ten years! She started as a PCA/ Driver before becoming a nurse. Cynthia always takes the initiative to have things at the center up and running properly. If there is a light that needs fixing, she'll fix it. If there is anything that needs to be put together, she's the one who will solve the puzzle. Not only is she a handy lady in the workplace but she was also assigned the task of being our Assistant

Charge Nurse and recently became our Charge Nurse.

A few words from Cynthia..."I have many good memories with the kids. One of my favorites is watching a child surpass all the things he was told he couldn't do. It happened over time but I loved watching his progress. I'm looking forward to seeing more kids fight the odds that they aren't supposed to, according to the medical doctors."

Meet Christina

Christina has been working at our Stockton center since November of 2016. The desire to help others and assist them in their daily life are examples of what drew Christina to work with the special needs community. She enjoys working on the children's developmental goals and activities and loves how the job is both challenging and rewarding.



When Christina is not at My Friends she takes care of her grandmother. She enjoys summer BBQs with her family and friends, RV camping, swimming, and just relaxing at home with her family. She also enjoys heading out of town on different road trips.

Christina has been with her significant other for 22 years and were high school sweethearts. They have two children together. Julianna is 22 years old and just graduated from college and is a Medical Assistant. Their second child is Julian Jr. who is in the 8th grade and heading to high school soon. The family has one pet, a Frenchie named Todd. Christina's favorite color is purple and her favorite plants are succulents. Her favorite football team is the SF 49ers and her favorite baseball team is the SF Giants.