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Tis the Season...

Christmas was merry and bright for the children at EPCC thanks to our generous community friends.

Area groups and individuals— (including but not limited to) Northside Kiwanis, Junior Mental Health Association (JMHA), Christian Motorcyclists Association, Olivet Presbyterian, UE Art Therapy, 911 Gives Hope, St. Ben's, Sharing Hearts Knit and Crochet Society, Sunshine Club, Paradise Homemakers, Shepherd of the Hills, St. Mary's Medical Group-Infectious Disease, Theresa Arvin, Neeley Koester, VUJC Student Nurse Organization, Jeanne Crow, Debbie Smith, Melissa Stone, Joyce Assalone, Parven and Bernice Schriber, Mike and Dana Royster, Michele Folz, Naas Trucking Co., Jessica Mahon, Jolene Weir, and Tari Langford provided parties, activities, and/or gifts for the children.

Activities included parties, visits from Santa, crafts, caroling, quilt-making, and a Nativity play. Children also participated in Secret Santa shopping for their parents/family

members (event sponsored by JMHA).

Donations included (but were not limited to) individual and group (dorm) gifts, pajamas, hats, gloves, DVDs and players, iPads, iPods, Xbox/wii games, books, Play-Doh sets, creative/art kits and supplies, dolls, puzzles, board games, card games, stuffed animals, coloring/ activity books, remote control cars, puzzles, blankets, and gift cards to McDonalds, Gatti-town, and more; as well as funding for seasonal activities and outings throughout the year.

During Christmas break, children visited Ritzy's Fantasy of Lights, Build-a-Bear Workshop and enjoyed ordering out pizza along with a special holiday cooked meal. The children also attended a local movie theatre where they watched "Alvin and the Chipmunks Road Chip," made ginger bread houses and homemade cookies where each child decorated their very own cookie.

TIC Training

Annual Trauma Informed Care Training was held for all clinical staff in September, 2015. Clinical Director, Pam Dewey facilitated the sessions which focused on "Respect, Information, Connection, and Hope."

EPCC provides ongoing trainings to ensure that clinical staff remain up to date on primary components to practice when working with children who have experienced trauma.

This approach to training is fundamental to the therapeutic relationship between client and provider. In a therapeutic relationship, the essential building blocks of safety and trust are fostered and developed. These building blocks are essential to healing human connections.

During the training, employees were given case studies and were instructed to utilize the learned approach in each of the scenarios. They were provided handouts with information covered by the clinical director.

A healthy understanding and appreciation for Respect, Information, Connection, and Hope can make an enormous difference on the road to trauma recovery and can help to preserve the professional bond and therapeutic relationship that has been established.

Improving Technology: New Policy Software Coming to EPCC in 2016!

...and that's the truth...

Trust is the most valuable thing you'll ever earn. —Susanna, age 17

The Policy Standardization Workgroup has been looking at improving and standardizing policies across all state operated facilities (SOFs). This policy software program is called PolicyStat and offers us the ability to assign workflow and expiration dates to policies as well as to assign electronic signatures to users. This process will replace the manual reading of policies as we have previously known. However, EPCC plans to continue providing hard copies around the facility. Users will be able to search for policies and access additional information within the program by doing a quick search by policy area or keyword. To implement PolicyStat, all state employees at Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center must have an active directory sign-on which will be the employee's main Windows log-in and password. EPCC will most likely "go live" for all users beginning this March, 2016. Staff will also be able to sign up for free webinars and review a pre-recorded "overview" and "acknowledgement" section. There will be a helpful "tutorial link" available within the PolicyStat program. More information will be coming in the near future.



YOU Can Help!

The following items are always needed for the children and their activities: gift cards to craft and department stores, restaurants, and entertainment (movies). Gift cards provide toys and craft items, and allow children with designated behaviors to enjoy

It is the policy of EPCC to handle all concerns/questions in a timely manner.

If you have concerns or questions about patient rights, quality of patient care or safety, or ethical issues, contact:

EPCC's mgt at 812-477-6436.

If concerns or questions cannot be resolved at the EPCC management level, you may contact:

Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction, Consumer Services

Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

Phone - 1-800-901-1133
TDD - 1-317-232-7844

Indiana Protection and Advocacy Services

1-800-758-5264.

If concerns or questions cannot be resolved at one of these levels, you may contact:

The Joint Commission

Phone - 1-630-792-5800

Web site - www.jointcommission.org

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Thanksgiving

Children at EPCC enjoyed Thanksgiving this year by attending an outing into the community to see the movie, "The Good Dinosaur" with EPCC staff. They also took part in the tradition of setting up the Christmas tree in the family room.

EPCC staff made the holidays extra special this year by taking a trip to Walmart to let the kids pick out decorations for the tree. In addition, the

children were able to make homemade ornaments in preparation for Christmas.

The patients and employees enjoyed a nice home-cooked meal for lunch prepared and presented in a home-like setting.



New Employees

We are pleased to announce our new staff members at EPCC! Please welcome the following:

Christina Lloyd, BHRA

Brittney Moore, BHRA

Jordan Redman, OT

Cally Smith, MS

Kelly Flynn, RT

Claire Hankins, RTA

Kenny Hoffman, Maintenance

Megan Cordle, BHRA

911 Gives Hope: Delivers again...

You can feel the joy in the air when 911 Gives Hope arrives at EPCC. The group's tireless efforts always result in a plethora of gifts for our patients at EPCC. This year we received a wonderful collection of games, toys, stuffed animals, puzzles, and other great gifts to brighten the children's Christmas.

The staff were delighted that they were among the

gifts which also included specialty items such as iPad air, iPods, and a 32" LED TV!

As always, EPCC is very grateful and excited that 911 Gives Hope shares the

Christmas Spirit with our facility each year. The abundance of gifts and the generosity with which they are given is most appreciated.

In keeping with tradition—the group posed for a snapshot with Mike and Sully after carrying in truckloads of gifts for the holiday. Thanks to 911 Gives Hope and the visiting volunteers, the children definitely experienced a wonderful, memorable, and very Merry Christmas!



Pictured above: Volunteers from 911 Gives Hope

We're Ready for Your Referrals

Refer through the assigned liaison from your MHC.
Referral packet information needed includes:

Psychology Evaluation with IQ
State Hospital Referral Form
CANS

Psychiatric Evaluation from your MD

Contact Sharon Austin at 812-477-6436, X226

Need to contact us?

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