



# Project K.I.N.D.

## Kids In Need of Doctors

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## Fall 2007 Newsletter



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### ATTENTION ALL DENTISTS! CAN YOU RESIST THESE SMILES ?

*They're smiling because they are no longer in pain.*

The month of February is National Childrens' Dental Health Month and we hope to serve more than 300 children. If you would like to hold a Project K.I.N.D. dental clinic in your office please call Debra at 951-686-3342, ext. 314 so we can reserve a day just for your office.

### Welcome Project K.I.N.D.'s new Program Assistant

Hello! My name is *Linda Meza* and I am the new Program Assistant for Project K.I.N.D. For the last seven years I have worked as a health assistant with Moreno Valley Unified School District. This program is amazing and I am eager to meet each and every one of you. I can be found in the office between the hours of 8:30am and 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. If you have any questions, or if you just want to call and introduce yourself, you can reach me at (951) 686-3342 ext. 316 or you can e-mail me at: [lmeza@rcmanet.org](mailto:lmeza@rcmanet.org). *I look forward to meeting all of you soon. ☺*

### Project K.I.N.D. Calendar

- October 30th – PK Dental Clinic in Riverside (now accepting referrals)
- Nov. 21<sup>th</sup> – PK Dental Clinic in Corona (now accepting referrals)
- Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> – PK Holiday Luncheon at RCMA, Noon (RSVP ONLY)
- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – PK Dental Clinic in Grand Terrace (now accepting referrals)

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## PROJECT K.I.N.D. TESTIMONIALS: NANCY OCHOA



Nancy with a physician at Riverside Community Hospital after her appendectomy



Nancy several months after recovery

As you know, Project K.I.N.D. serves uninsured children in Riverside County who have an acute need and are seeking medical attention. We know that it is sometimes the things that seem the most insignificant that can really cause some serious damage if not attended to immediately. That was the case for 11 year old Nancy Ochoa.

It all started on a Saturday evening as the Ochoa family was on their way home from a trip to Disneyland. During this time Nancy started to complain of stomach pains. Having eaten amusement park food all day, the family just chalked the stomach pains up to a bad lunch. Mom felt that a sore stomach might not be too uncommon as she could have been sore from her Taekwondo practice.

Sunday came, and still no relief. Nancy's pain was getting sharper by the day. On Monday, Nancy's mother decided that she was not in any condition to go to school. Tuesday, Nancy's stomach pains became unbearable. Being uninsured and not knowing who to turn to for assistance, Nancy and her mother went straight to their school nurse. The nurse was very concerned and immediately referred them to Project K.I.N.D.

Debra, Director for Project K.I.N.D., sent the family to Riverside Community Hospital where Nancy was seen and diagnosed as having a ruptured appendix. This was a life threatening situation and doctors immediately took her to surgery.

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## Did you know?

Project K.I.N.D. has expanded its geographical area and is now serving Perris Elementary School District is located in Perris which neighbors Moreno Valley. This district includes the following schools: Enchanted Hills, Good Hope, Nan Sanders, Palms, Park Avenue, Perris, Railway, Skyview and the Rob Reiner Center. Currently, this district has 5,600 students enrolled.



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### Project K.I.N.D. 2007 Program Statistics

Number of Children Seen	472
Number of Services Provided	2,509
Equivalent Cost Of Services	\$146,138
Number of Providers	127

Statistics are from 01/07 to 07/07

## PROJECT K.I.N.D. TESTIMONIALS: NANCY OCHOA CONT'D

After surgery, and 6 days, 7 nights of constant worry in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Nancy was finally moved to a regular bed for 3 weeks of recovery. Nancy's mother recalls the nightmare of not knowing if her child was going to make it through or not. The family was very concerned to say the least.

Today, 6 months after surgery, Nancy is finally recovering from the horrific incident and is springing back into her active life again. No longer participating in Taekwondo, Nancy spends her time out of school enjoying friends, family time and soccer.

Project K.I.N.D. services are usually limited to acute medical needs that are normally resolved with a visit to the doctor. We would like to thank Nancy, and Nancy's family for telling us their story and providing us with these inspiring photos.

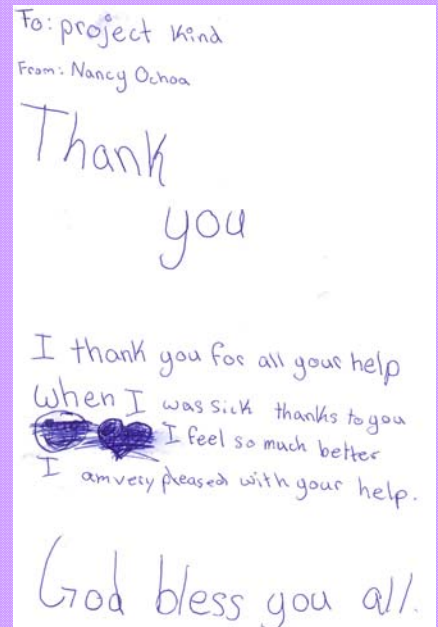
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## GIVE THE GIFT OF SIGHT TO A CHILD

Project K.I.N.D. strives to better serve the uninsured children of Riverside County to further reduce the gap of health services. The month of September was "Vision Month." Project K.I.N.D. served 50 children in Riverside County with a cost equivalent of \$15,250. We want to thank our sponsors below and hope to serve more children every year!

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