



*Greetings from The Kaitlin Marie Bell Foundation, Inc.
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OUR MISSION

We are a non-profit organization, which supports the needs of medically and physically challenged children. We exist to increase lifestyle opportunities and quality of life for recipients by providing equipment and/or services that would not otherwise be affordable.

MOTTO

*To Learn...
To Grow...
To Succeed!*

MEMBERSHIP

We need members for the Delaware Board of Directors and we also need a Secretary for our organization. If you are interested in becoming a member or if you are associated with special needs children, then we need your expertise. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact Becky Bell at kmbfoundation@dmv.com

GOOD NEWS

We have two additions to members of the KMB Foundation. They are Hunter James Bell, born to Teisha and Jim Bell on January 26, 2004 and Ella Mikalena Glasgow, Born to Kari and Joel, Glasgow on July 28, 2004. Congratulations to the new parents!

RECIPIENT

Keishla Lopez is a surviving twin that is now 10 years old and is diagnosed with static encephalopathy, spastic quadriplegic cerebral palsy, global developmental delays, intractable epilepsy, and has a G-tube to assist her nutrition. She lives with her Mom and two sisters in Hollister Florida, and is described as a loving and inspiring daughter. Because of Keishla's condition, her Mom can only work part-time, as Keishla requires a lot of care. They had to purchase

another van and needed to have their wheelchair lift transferred to their current van. Her family needed assistance for the final payment on the lift. Her Social Worker referred her to us, and after review of the application, it was discussed and approved.



Keishla Lopez at age 7

FUNDRAISING

We have become participants in the annual fundraising drive conducted by the Federal employees in the workplace. These Combined Federal Campaigns, as well as other

State run campaigns provide us with a source of income. These campaigns encompass all of Delaware, adjacent counties in Maryland, central Virginia and its adjacent counties.

LOCATION

We now have two offices. One in Seaford, Delaware and the other in Richmond, Virginia. We also have new addresses, and email addresses. These can be found at the end of the newsletter.

DIFFERENT THERAPIES

The National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy, (NCEFT). "Hippotherapy is a specialized form of physical therapy which uses the horse as a therapy tool to address the movement disorders associated with various neurological and neuromuscular conditions, such as cerebral palsy, cerebral vascular accident (CVA), multiple sclerosis, and traumatic brain injury. A licensed and specially trained health care provider, most often a Physical Therapist or Occupational Therapist or Speech Language Pathologist; conducts a Hippotherapy treatment. Hippotherapy is not a new or experimental form of therapy. It was first

introduced in Europe following two epidemics of Poliomyelitis after W.W. II and has been recognized since then as a highly beneficial mode of treatment." "The goal is to normalize muscle tone and strengthen postural muscles, thereby increasing the child's ability to perform functional activities of daily living. The partnership between horse and child is an incredible motivator, increasing self-esteem, confidence, strength, balance, and coordination and communication skills.

According to The National Center for Equine Facilitated Therapy, the therapist and volunteer side walker maximize the benefit of the horse's movement, placing the child in different positions, on the horse, playing games, and assigning goal oriented tasks". More information can be found at www.narha.org.

WANTED

If you have secretarial skills (like typing or using the computer) and would like to work with a very worthy organization, then we need you! This job requires devotion and consistency although not a lot of hours each month. The rewards of helping children are priceless. For more detailed information on the duties of a Secretary, please contact Becky at kmbfoundation@dmv.com

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