

It takes a village...

Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center

For the past 25 years the Children's Diagnostic & Treatment Center (CDTC) has medical care and social work services to the underprivileged children and families of Broward County. The mission of the CDTC is to promote the optimal health and well-being of children with special health care needs by providing comprehensive prevention, intervention and treatment services.

CDTC was established in 1983, as the follow-up clinic for the Broward General neo-natal intensive care unit, at a time when Broward County had the highest infant mortality rate in the country. CDTC began with a staff of five and has since grown to be one of the largest child health care providers in Broward County. Today, the Center has more than 180 social workers, doctors, nutritionists, psychologists, speech therapists, nurses, and other healthcare staff provide comprehensive services to more than 10,000 patients each year.

The Primary Care Clinic at CDTC fulfills a social contract to the health and wellbeing of Broward County's disadvantaged children and families by providing family-centered health care for uninsured and under-insured children, regardless of their families ability to pay.

The Center's Early Steps program provides evaluations and therapies to more than 5,000 infants and toddlers annually who are at-risk for, or who have been identified with a developmental disability or handicapping condition.

Since 1991, the Comprehensive Family AIDS Program (CFAP) has served Broward County's infants, children, youth, women and families infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. CFAP provides medical care, case management, social support, dental care, emergency assistance, access to research, mental health services and special activities to more than 3,400 clients annually.

In addition to its programs and services, CDTC offers its needy families emergency assistance, food from their Food Pantry and clothing from the Donations Closet. During the holiday season, CDTC provides toys to more than 4,000 children at the Center. These special holiday gifts are made possible by generous donations from companies, organizations and individuals in the community.

For more information, contact Stephanie Clayton at 954-728-1040 or visit www.childrensdiagnostic.org.



During a Share-A-Pet therapy session, Susan McCauley of Fort Lauderdale with her dog Maggie Grace read a book with 4-year-old Mathew Arnold of Hollywood accompanied by mother Viviam Arnold and, center, Social Service employee Debby Stanley.



Toys to be wrapped for the upcoming Holiday Toy Giveaway to underprivileged families.





Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center Medical Director Dr. Ana Hernandez of Miami gives a medical examination to 4-year-old Mathew Arnold as mother Viviam Arnold looks on.

Penny Vernon of Plantation wraps presents.



Connie Gambill of Fort Lauderdale, left, and Nancy Edison of Hollywood wrap presents.



Children's Diagnostic and Treatment Center Nurse Eliana Moreno of Miami gives a shot to 6-month old Nicole.