

El Rancho Del Rey

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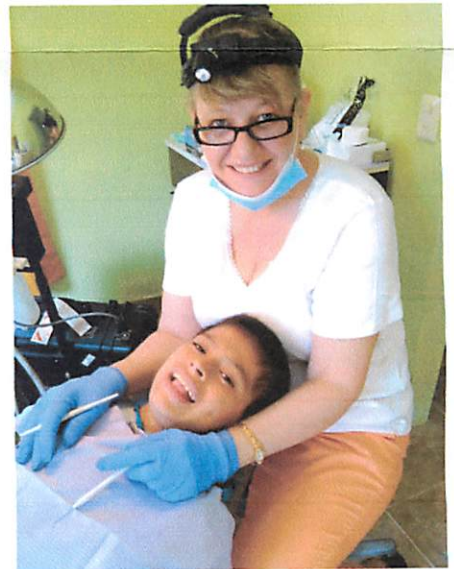
Dear Friends of the Berkshire Dental Society,

On behalf of the boys and staff of Rancho Del Rey and our local primary school, I thank you for your generous donations of equipment and supplies.

JoAnn Shmulsky cleaned 177 mouths and pulled a few teeth. In addition, she gave a presentation on dental hygiene to approximately 50 mothers which was well-received and generated numerous questions.

It was wonderful for me to be able to use your gifts to show our appreciation for the generous services of our local dentist, Dr. Santiago G. Ayala Chavez. He has served the Rancho boys for many years at greatly reduced fees.

We live in a the small community of Los Fierros, a part of a larger town called Santiago, in the state of Nuevo Leon, 30 miles south of Monterrey Mexico. Routine dental care is a luxury many in the community can't afford. The boys in our home come from families that live at a subsistence poverty level. Not only do they rarely receive dental care at home, their diets include Coca Cola as a primary beverage and chips and lollipops as the most common snacks.



It was perhaps surprisingly that their wasn't more instances of dental decay, but JoAnn Shmulsky through her research learned that we have high levels of fluoride in the drinking water.

For our part, we have a renewed determination here on campus to emphasize better beverage and snack choices and dental hygiene. Changing the culture is a slow process. Mexico is #1 in the world in obesity, #1 in Coca Cola consumption and #3 in diabetes.

We are attaching to this letter a complete list of those treated, along with notes regarding individuals needing follow-up care.

A million thanks!

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