



**My Friends**  
A Pediatric Day Healthcare Center

# Modesto Fall Newsletter 2025

My Friends PDHC celebrated 25 years of service with our Orangevale, Elk Grove, San Jose, Stockton and Modesto staff! The owner, Simone Giachino and the business office staff also joined in the celebration. My Friends continues to be committed to providing special care for special people.



This summer was filled with adventures and unforgettable memories at My Friends! Each day brought something exciting, from water days and sleepovers to music therapy and fun field trips. The kids had a blast visiting the Children's Museum, The Fruit Barn, and going to the movies to watch *Lilo & Stitch*. One of the biggest highlights was our special performance from the

Jalapeño Guy, the kids couldn't stop talking about it! We also had the honor of celebrating **My Friends' 25th anniversary** with a big picnic that brought together all the centers. Each center prepared a cheer to show their spirit, and our very own Modesto center proudly took **2nd place!** It was such a fun and memorable day, and a great reminder of the amazing teamwork we have here. There is truly never a dull moment at the center, and we look forward to creating even more wonderful memories with the children in the months ahead.



### Mark your calendar:

**October 28th:** Our annual Trunk-or-Treat Party will take place from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

We look forward to a fun and festive evening.

**December 22nd:** The Jalapeño Guy will return to join us for our Christmas Party @ 2pm. Don't miss out on the fun!!



Assembly Member, Juan Alanis visited our center in July and learned more about our program. We appreciate Assembly Member Alanis for taking the time to tour the Modesto center.

### Reminder to Parents:

- Please provide extra clothing and sweaters for your child, as the center can be cool at times.
- If you have gently used clothing you would like to donate, we are grateful for any contributions.
- Permission slips will be sent home for future field trips, photography permissions, and pet therapy activities.
- If there are any changes to your child's schedule, please notify the center or the office.

Monthly sleepovers will continue; details will be shared in advance.



## Meet Taylor



We are so lucky to have Nurse Taylor as part of the My Friends family. She has been with us for four years, and during that time she has touched the lives of so many children. Taylor has a way of making every child feel cared for, whether she's checking on someone who isn't feeling well, giving a comforting hug, or celebrating a new milestone. Her kindness and patience shine through every day, and the kids (and staff!) know they can always count

on her.

Taylor has been an LVN for five years and is currently working on her prerequisites for the RN program. Before coming here, she worked as a correctional nurse, but she says working with kids is by far her favorite job. As she puts it, "It has been a privilege to care for every child at My Friends. Each one has a special place in my heart."

Outside of work, Taylor loves spending time with her family and animals. She has two dogs, one cat, and fun fact, ten chickens that keep her busy at home! She also enjoys cooking, traveling, and relaxing with her loved ones. Her favorite part about being here is watching the kids grow and accomplish new things. We are so proud and grateful to have such a caring, positive, and dedicated nurse on our team.

## Meet Everly

Say hello to Everly! She recently turned three years old and has been part of the My Friends family since she was just seven months old. Everly has such a bright, fun, and silly personality that always brings joy to our center. She loves playing with her friends, helping around the daycare, and sharing stories about her cheer practices. Everly has lots of favorites: her tablet, kitchen play set, playing Twister, singing along to "Me Too" by Meghan Trainor, and watching *The Nightmare Before Christmas*.

Her favorite food is salami, and when she's at home, she enjoys spending time with her two siblings and two foster brothers. She also has two Labrador dogs, a black lab named Rip and a silver lab named Bethany. Outside of daycare, Everly enjoys gymnastics, going on vacations with her family (especially Disneyland and camping trips), and supporting her siblings at their sporting events. She also loves music, which has been a big motivator for her since she was little. Everly is friendly with everyone, always eager to smile, play, and spread her cheer. She's truly a wonderful part of our My Friends Family, and we feel so lucky to watch her grow each day.



### What's Happening?

We are excited to announce several upcoming activities for the fall and winter seasons. Children will participate in festive celebrations, monthly baking projects, and spirit weeks designed to make each day engaging and fun. With Halloween around the corner, we are excited to celebrate and make new memories at our Trunk-Or-Treat Party. In November, we will hold a Thanksgiving lunch for the children, and in December, Santa will make a special visit to My Friends. We look forward to sharing these experiences with the children and families.