



*Joy & Laughter Developmental Therapy*  
Making childhood fun for everyone

# Building Blocks

**November 2016**

**Joy & Laughter Developmental Therapy's mission is to provide children and their families with the support they need to be able to live as independently and joyfully as possible. We believe that every child has the potential and the right to develop and grow in a nurturing and fun environment. Our aim is to create age-appropriate growth and educational opportunities that are fun and enjoyable for all.**

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## Halloween Festivities



**We hope you all had a safe Halloween filled with good costumes and good candy. Thank you for everyone who joined us at our Halloween Carnival.**

**Here are a couple of pictures, if you want to see more visit our [Facebook page!](#)**

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**2016 Bay Area Buddy Walk**



Thank you to everyone who came to join us at the 12th Annual Bay Area Buddy Walk to support people with Down syndrome.

For every step taken and every dollar we raised, We helped create a culture that fully includes more than 400,000 Americans with Down syndrome. Last year, more than \$13 million dollars was raised by more than 305,000 Buddy Walk® participants worldwide.

We hope to see you again next year!

## 2nd Annual JLDtherapy Toy Drive



Donate new unwrapped toys and bring a smile to a child this holiday season!  
\*\*Joy & Laughter Developmental Therapy is working with Toys for Tots to collect toys for children in need. The toys must be unused as well as unopened. If you would like to donate a toy, there will be a box located at our office. Toys will be accepted until **Saturday December 16th**.

**Puzzles**

**Dolls**

**Board Games**

**Action Figures**

**More.....**

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## **Thanksgiving Closure Notice!!!!!!**



Joy & Laughter Developmental therapy will be **CLOSING** in observance of Thanksgiving Holiday on **Wednesday, Nov. 23th** through **Sunday Nov. 27th**. The clinic will open on Monday, Nov. 28th at the regularly scheduled time.

Consistency is important if your normal appointment session is affected by holiday closure, make sure to schedule a Make-Up session either Monday Nov.21st or Tuesday Nov. 22nd.

**\*\*\*LIMITED AVAILABILITY DUE TO LOW STAFF COVERAGE\*\*\***

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# Announcement Center

This section is dedicated to providing you with updates. Whether it is an explanation of new policies, or simply reminders of old ones, please take the time to review this section.

If you have any questions, contact us at [scheduling@jldtherapy.com](mailto:scheduling@jldtherapy.com)

## **Scheduling**

For any changes to your appointment, this includes scheduling an appointment, changing/canceling an appointment or any questions or concerns please email us at [scheduling@jldtherapy.com](mailto:scheduling@jldtherapy.com).

## **24- Hour Advance Notice Fee**

If you wish to change or cancel an appointment (either by phone or email) we require a minimum 24-hour advance notice. Anything less will result in a **\$50** fee charged to your account. It costs us money to make appointments available to you. Whether you attend or not we still accrue the expenses (for staff wages, rent, etc.). We don't charge you the actual cost for that appointment but rather a mere **\$50** fee. We do NOT make money with this charge; it's only to act as a deterrent from making last minute changes. Advance notice allows someone else (who needs it) time to reserve it in place of you. Please be courteous and responsible. Thank you.

## **Don't Spread your Illness**

If you feel your child has an illness that might spread to other children or your therapist please keep your child home. If you arrive and they appear too sick to participate in therapy we reserve the right to send you home and charge you a late cancellation fee of **\$25**. We reserve the right to waive the **\$25** fee if you can provide the clinic with a valid doctor's note from the date of the cancelled appointment,

## **No-shows are bad**

If you fail to show for an appointment without notice all future appointments will be removed and a **\$50** fee assessed to your account. You may re-schedule appointments again on a "first come, first serve basis."

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## Employee Spotlight



## **Hiral Khatri**

### **1 year Anniversary**

#### **What is your role at JLDtherapy?**

I am an Occupational therapy aide/volunteer at JLDTherapy. I am currently trying to get my Doctorate in Occupational Therapy.

#### **What aspect of your role do you enjoy the most?**

I enjoy every aspect of my role - specially coming to the clinic and thinking about "What new things am I going to do today" because as an OT you have to think out of the box, even if it's with the same patient. .

#### **What do you like most about JLDtherapy?**

I love being a part of such a great clinic where I can learn a lot. I also love the JLDTherapy staff a lot. Every one is very helpful, happy, motivating and still super professional. Everyone here loves to work but can also have fun, just like me. Another thing I love most about JLDTherapy is its constant approach to motivate employees to develop different skills as clinicians, learners, researchers and professionals. I just love to work here.

#### **Can you name something that people would never guess about you?**

I am an active student member of American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) and a delegate of communication committee Occupational Therapy Association of California (OTAC).

#### **What kinds of hobbies and interests do you have outside of work?**

My hobbies and interests are: Traveling, reading books, cooking, gardening, playing tennis, painting, watching movies, writing blogs, social media, getting trendy clothes and posing in front of camera, keep talking for hours and playing with my puppy.

#### **What is one thing you couldn't live without?**



My Smartphone!

**What is your hidden talent?**

I can write a book and pen-down emotions, experiences and incidents. .

**What is your favorite movie or book?**

Fav Movie: 'Zindagi na milegi dobara' (Eng: You get life only once) Fav Book: Harry Potter series, Twilight Saga & Toto-Chan.

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## Welcome Our New Team Members!

Please join us in welcoming Analisa Church, Shareen Dhillon, Maritza Soria and Jessica Carmona as our new Clinical Aide/Administration Assistants.



Analisa is currently an undergraduate in the speech pathology program at San Jose State University. She has experience working as a Student Clinician at San Jose State University Key Armstrong clinic.

In her free time Analisa likes to travel, hike, and go to the beach. Her hobbies include running, finding new and fun food places, and event planning/ decorating.

Analisa can be reached at (408)337-2727 Ext. 108 or at



Shareen is currently attending San Jose State University majoring in Communicative Disorders and Sciences. She is also in the process of applying to the master's programs for Speech and Language Pathology

In her free time Shareen likes to volunteer. She also enjoys traveling, working out, trying new foods, and watching Grey's Anatomy.

Shareen can be reached at (408)337-2727 Ext.109 or at

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Maritza is currently attending Santa Clara University with a major in Bioengineering. She is pursuing a career in children pediatrics and has been involved with youth-oriented non-profits for the last three years.

On her free time, Maritza enjoys going hiking, kayaking, reading novels, and playing sports.

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Jessica is a junior at Santa Clara University majoring in Psychology and minoring in Spanish and Urban Education. She is passionate about working with children and is hoping to become a speech language pathologist in her future. Jessica enjoys volunteering and has volunteered at Innovative Therapy Services, a private speech therapy practice in Santa Clara, for almost two years now.

Aside from working on her degree and working, on her free time Jessica enjoys watching bay area sports teams, watching her favorite Disney movie, Tangled, and hanging out with her friends.

Jessica can be reached at (408)337-2727 Ext. 111 or at [Jessica.Carmona@jldtherapy.com](mailto:Jessica.Carmona@jldtherapy.com)

Make sure to stop by to say hello to and welcome them to our JLDtherapy family.

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**Help Support Therapy Scholarships**

JLD Cares is a sub-division of Joy and Laughter Developmental Therapy. The goal of JLD Cares is to raise funds and awareness for the children we work with. Funds raised go to support scholarships to children who can not afford therapy, summer camps or other typical childhood experiences.

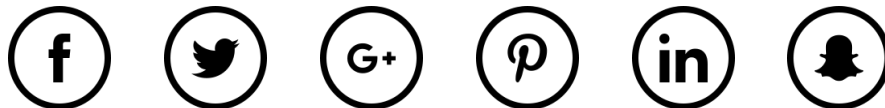
[CLICK HERE](#) to shop and help support this good cause!



**November 24th**- Thanksgiving Day!

**November 23rd to 28th**- Clinic Closed!

We would greatly appreciate hearing any of your comments, opinions or feedback you have about us on [YELP!](#) or Visit us at the following sites



\*\*\*Please ask the front desk for your gift card, after giving us a comment or feedback in one of our websites\*\*\*



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