

# PLANO CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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**42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Vision  
Care Benefit**

**Friday,  
October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

### NEW LOCATION

**Chateau Del Mar  
8301 W. 95<sup>th</sup> St.  
Palos Hills, IL 60457**

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## NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2017

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### **PLANO'S MISSION Continues after 52 years of service and 40 years as a Not-for-Profit Organization**

Founded in 1959 and chartered in 1965 by the late Drs. Robert L. Johnson and Henry R. Moore, the mission of Plano, which includes vision education awareness, is to effectively identify, evaluate and treat educationally-disadvantaged children who have an under-developed and/or inefficient vision information processing skills. Plano is a multi-disciplinary, not-for-profit optometric service organization providing comprehensive vision and vision-perception care, and whose aim is to assess and treat visual deficiencies in at-risk individuals on an ability-to-pay fee basis.



**Plano's 2016 Most Outstanding Vision Therapy Progress Awardees, Parents and Plano Staff**

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## GREETING FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you for your enduring support as Plano Child Development Center celebrates over 50 years of service. It is because of your support, the support of the Plano Board and staff that we been able to successfully execute Plano's mission.

This year we are grateful for our 2016 Event Chairs, Rev. Dr. Michael Burnside, and Mrs. Natalie Ray. We are also grateful for our Honorary Chair and recipient of our 2016 Founder's Award, **Mr. William G. Little**, Chairman of Quam-Nichols Company, Inc.

We congratulate **Mrs. Katheryn Stafford Hudson**, our Community Service Award recipient, **Mrs. Addie Davis**, our Lifetime Service Award recipient and our Most Outstanding Vision Therapy Progress Awardees: **Celeste Buitron**, **Emmanuel Galvez**, **Maxine Ivey**, **Litzzy Ortiz**, **Daniel Sanchez**, **Marek Wojciechowski** and **Kenneth Wright**.

We welcomed two new board members, **Mr. Matthew Palmer** and **Denise Brewer, Esq.**

## Plano News

We are so proud of our accomplishments last year, many of which were achieved even with a decrease in State funding for many of our patients. Listed below are a few of our 2016 achievements:

- \* Plano provided in-office vision therapy to nearly 175 patients (47% of these patients received services on a sliding-fee-scale, and 38% were funded by Medicaid).
- \* Plano provided mobile vision comprehensive exams to nearly 280 students from Chicago, Harvey School District 152 and Hazel Crest school District 152 ½ .
- \* Nearly 350 participants at twenty health fairs received vision screenings.
- \* Community service vision awareness workshops were provided to over 400 persons.
- \* As a subcontractor, Plano's affiliate corporation, VHMS, a subcontractor for Tropical Optical, provided comprehensive vision exams to 49,000 K-12th graders as providers for Chicago Public Schools Mobile Vision Program. (Some of these students received Vision Therapy services at Plano.)
- \* Plano participated in career days and mentoring for Optometry students (hoping to inspire them to choose Optometry with Vision Therapy as their practice specialty).
- \* Plano received support from the Essilor of Americas Foundation and Modern Optical. They provided lenses and frames to students who were in need of glasses but unable to afford them.
- \* Plano received grants from the Carol Fitzgerald Memorial Fund (CFMF), the Larry Fitzgerald First Down Fund and the Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation in support of Plano's "Eye Can Learn Comprehensive Vision Program."
- \* Recently Plano was approved to receive eyeglass assistance (for those in need) from the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness.



Long time Plano Board member Dr. Donald M. Pedro, passed on April 30, 2017. He was a long time physician serving the far south side of Chicago. Plano will honor Dr. Pedro at the **2017 Annual Apple of our Eyes Benefit**, on **Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** at Chateau del Mar in Hickory Hills, IL.

## Plano's Mobile Vision Service



Plano Conducts group Comprehensive Vision exams for children at Plano and can even provide mobile vision service at various locations. Recently Plano provided vision exams for children at Vireva Daycare. We can bring vision education workshops and vision screenings to your community organization's health fair. Please contact us for further information or to schedule this service.

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