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therapy will continue to work on balance, body awareness, breathing, handwriting, sensory processing, and increasing tolerance to movement activities.

Rachael, her family and the staff at KCC are all excited about the progress Rachael has made in the last few years. For Rachel, Chiropractic, OT, and CST have been successfully used together to help facilitate maximum function.

Conclusion

KCC staff work as a team to improve the function and lives of children with all kinds of challenges. Each treatment plan is considered to be a flexible with the specific needs of the individual child in mind. As progress or roadblocks are encountered, the plan is changed to meet the needs of that child and family. Having a special needs child is very challenging and draining on any family. The doctors and staff of KCC strive to do what's right for the child first, but know that if the family's needs are not being met, the child will suffer in the end. This means that the staff and doctors not only work with the child but with the family as well. The team knows that changes do not happen overnight, it is a slow process. What may seem to someone who has never been involved with a special needs child as a minor improvement, can be significant for the child and make a huge difference in his or her future progress and quality of life. It is one step at a time, and every step, however small, is important. Patience

and love is what this team has.

Chiropractic offers a unique opportunity for children who are limited by the system that doesn't understand the subluxation and the chiropractic adjustment. The emphasis of working with the spine and brain to create an open and flowing system is an exceptional way to prepare the body to be able to adapt to the demands of learning a new task or making a new connection. This, in conjunction with other therapies, opens new opportunities for higher function and comfort for children previously thought without hope of progress or improvement.

Kentuckiana Children's Center continues to keep its doors open through the kindness of its donors and the doctors, staff, board, and most importantly, the children and their families. We thank all those who have and are supporting KCC in its mission to bring hope to children with special needs and help them live a better quality of life.

SHARON VALLONE, D.C., D.I.C.C.P (F) is Chairman of the Board of Kentuckiana Children's Center. A dedicated practitioner, Dr. Vallone started volunteering at KCC when Dr. Golden's health began failing, taking time away from her own practice in Connecticut to travel back and forth between Kentucky and Connecticut to ensure that KCC did not close its doors. Widely published in peer-reviewed journals, Dr. Vallone has presented papers at symposiums and conferences and been an invited speaker at national and international meetings. She has also helped chiropractic organizations in other countries interested in setting up programs similar to KCC for special needs/challenged children. Dr. Vallone received her DICCP in 1999 and was made a Fellow in 2003. She currently serves as the vice chair of the ICA Council on Chiropractic Pediatrics and is co-editor of the *Journal on Clinical Chiropractic Pediatrics*.

Editor's Note: *The ICA, and the ICA Council on Chiropractic Pediatrics have always been advocates and supporters of Kentuckiana Children's Center since the days of Dr. Golden, one of the first Distinguished Fellows of the ICA recognized by ICA's Founder Dr. B.J. Palmer himself. KCC is the site for one of the modules in Year 3 on "The Special Needs and Challenged Child" in the Council's Diplomate in Clinical Chiropractic Pediatrics (DICCP) program. Doctors taking the DICCP program are required to spend the weekend in Louisville to observe how the staff at KCC work with the children and the care they provide. Learning in an environment that provides care only for this special population makes a big difference, and interacting with doctors and other professionals who work with special needs children day in and day out is a learning experience in itself. The ICA Pediatrics Council is very grateful to KCC for allowing this class to be held at KCC and to the doctors and staff for making the weekend "internship" for the DICCP students so meaningful.*



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