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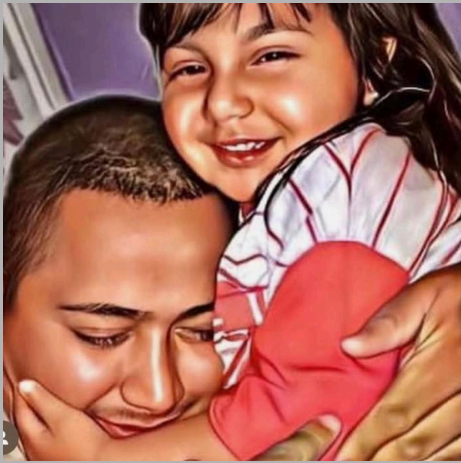
Dear Friends,

June is the month for Grads and Dads and we celebrated both around here! The wonderful therapeutic preschool that we work with, Mi Escuelita, graduated their students to elementary school and my youngest child (our rainbow baby!) just graduated college from UCLA. Yay!

Father's Day is always a great day to let our dads know how much they are loved but it can be a difficult day for those who have lost a child or for those who have lost their father. We had a very special opportunity to meet with the families who lost their children a year ago in Uvalde, Texas. We have lots to share with you this month and we hope you enjoy our newsletter! Thank you for your continued support. Happy Summer!

Warmly,

Marcella



Honoring Fathers

We want to pause and honor fathers who have experienced the tremendous loss of their child gone too soon. We honor all you have done to support your family through their grief, while you silently grieve. We see you, acknowledge your pain and we hope you had a gentle Father's Day filled with peace.

Uvalde, Texas ~ One Year Later ~

It was an honor to meet with the brave families who have survived the first year without their beloved children. It was so humbling to be in their presence and we were so grateful they wanted to meet with us after receiving our Comfort Cubs. Holding a cub in their aching arms provided immediate relief, allowing them to let their emotions flow. We were welcomed once again by the whole community who were very thankful for our support. We have made many new friends in Uvalde that we hope will last a lifetime.





Supporting Local Schools

Recently, a shooting disrupted a youth baseball game at one of our local parks. Fortunately, none of the children were injured, however, the incident was extremely scary. We reached out to the San Marcos Unified School District where many of the students attend. SMUSD was so grateful to receive Comfort Cubs to assist their students after such a scary incident. We hope to continue to partner with them to support student mental wellness.



Mi Escuelita Graduation 2023!

We were honored to attend the graduation ceremony for the children of SBCS's Mi Escuelita Therapeutic Preschool in San Diego. We always have so much fun with our friends at Mi Escuelita because the kids are just so darn cute and we love the staff! Congratulations to the 2023 graduates!

"Their future is so bright!"

Mi Escuelita is a therapeutic preschool specifically for children who have been involved with or witnessed domestic violence. There are therapists in each classroom to assist with the children's mental and emotional health. The Comfort Cub is one of the therapeutic tools they use to help the children self-soothe. We also have an accompanying "My Feelings" booklet that teaches children to identify their feelings and learn to control their emotions. We work with this wonderful preschool throughout the year and we love to join them for their very special graduation ceremony.

"The Cubs have been a valuable and multi-functional gift to our





preschoolers."
- Stacey Musso, Director

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