

Hair Design Medi Spa and local businesses throw free hair cut, party with games, lunch for children from S.O.S



[Top] Hair Design Medi Spa professionals give free hair cuts to children from SOS Children's Villages. [Left] These are a few of the good people who made this happen. Faces of SOS children may not be published. [Photos by Mike Hedglon]

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by a professional. He was impressed when he found out he was."

Almost a Lighthouse Point landmark, Hair Design Medi Spa has been serving this community for 29 years in the same location. Palmer says, "The location and I, the owner, are the only things that remain the same. Big changes have taken place in the

beauty business from when I opened and that includes products being used, styling techniques, hair coloring and of course the end results. But, believe it or not, I still have a handful of men and women who have put their heads in my hands for the 29 years I've been here."

Thank you all for providing a wonderful outing for the girls and boys from SOS Children's Villages.

To volunteer or donate to the SOS Children's Village, call 954-794-0157.

To contact Hair Design Medi Spa, call 954-785-9964 or visit www.hairdesignmedispa.com

Open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Friday, Saturday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; Closed on Sunday and Monday.

By Phyllis J. Neuberger
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Mike Hedglon of Hedgehog Studios alerted *The Pelican* to a recent heart-warming party that happened on March 16 and it's a joy to share the story.

Debra Palmer, owner of Hair Design Medi Spa at 3120 N. Federal Hwy. in Lighthouse Point, invited the children from S.O.S. Children's Villages in Coconut Creek to come over on Sunday, when the beauty shop is closed, for free haircuts and a party. Palmer explains, "One of my stylists, Beth Steele, came up with the idea, and helped to organize this event for the kids. It took off and was a huge success thanks to a lot of willing businesses and people who pitched in to make it happen."

Genevieve Areson, volunteer coordinator of Children's Villages, brought 55 children ages three to 18 over in minivans and she says, "They had a wonderful time,

and 35 of the children got free haircuts. They all enjoyed the bounce house, shooting basketballs into the hoops and taking part in a fitness class. The tables of delicious food were a big hit. All in all it was a terrific afternoon for our kids. They and we appreciated every minute of it."

There are 69 children currently living in the 12 homes in SOS Children's Villages in Broward County. These foster children have been placed in SOS by the courts because of abandonment, abuse or neglect. Because of their status the children cannot be photographed.

Palmer said she hosted this event because "I like to give back to the community. My two volunteer assistant hostesses were Lynn McCarthy and Carmen Aponte. The haircutters who worked nonstop from noon to three were Beth Steele, Janine Lagomazini, Gigi Agustinelli, and Kelly McCarthy. All came in on their one day off

to volunteer their talents."

Continuing, she listed more good folks who made a difference. "A client of Beth Steele's lent us the basketball game. Ryan Hill of Creative Party donated a bounce house. The fitness class was led by Leigh Filewich of Aspire Total Wellness.

"The tables filled with delicious food donations came from Hot Leggz Seafood and Burger Bar, Bobby Rubino's Place for Ribs and Bonefish Mac's Sports Grille.

"We all feel great about doing this event for kids," Palmer says. The children were so thankful and happy. Several of the girls said when they grow up they want to work in a place like ours. It was a thrill to have so many smiling faces and generous people and businesses chipping in."

Lynn McCarthy thought the kids were adorable and very well behaved. She says, "They had so much fun and so did we. One little boy asked if he was getting his hair cut

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