

DESERT BLOOMS

May 2018



It's always Dia de los Niños (Kid's Day) at Santo Niño but the official celebration is April 30 and we had a grand party. The mothers appeared in costumes and planned games instead of the usual classes and therapies. We had hotdogs, popcorn, cake and lots of candy- for the child in all of us at any age!



We celebrate every little thing- because it's the little things that make a big difference for our special children. Little Chuy has learned how to use a straw. Have you ever considered how much coordination is required for that process? It greatly decreases his risk of aspirating the liquids he eats.



Yamilet had a prescription for eyeglasses but her mother wasn't able to buy them. Sister Peggy gave them the money last week and on Saturday she arrived delighted with her clear

vision and new look.

Months ago Fr. Bill was called to the hospital to baptize a tiny newborn with severe health issues. Jesús Mateo survived and now is coming to Santo Niño for therapy. He is blind, has a feeding tube and breathes through a



tracheotomy but it has been amazing to see the progress he is making each week. With each child we focus on the possibilities, not the problems.

Arian has Down's syndrome and at eight months he loves the toys and therapies. Early stimulation makes all the difference with these special ones and



his mother gets lots of tips from Gloria, Tania, Liliana and Yolanda who have a wealth of experience to share. This week we will celebrate Mothers Day and the valiant loving women who make Santo Niño the healing center that it is. Our desert is blooming in so many ways. Sarahi showed us photos of the cactus flowers in tire planters at her house. The house itself, like portions of our center, is built of earth-packed tires. We are glad to share this beauty with you! Happy Spring!

