

ent, nonprofit, mental and behavioral health care provider offering area residents inpatient, residential and outpatient care. Parkside maintains a 24-hour per day/7 day per week crisis referral service that can be reached by calling 588-8888.



THERAPY WORKS' PERSAUD CERTIFIED PEDIATRIC SPECIALIST

Liesa M. Persaud, PT, MPT, PCS, physical therapist at TherapyWorks in Tulsa, was certified as a clinical specialist in pediatric physical therapy by the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties (ABPTS). Persaud is one of only 11 therapists in Oklahoma with this certification.

Persaud focuses on evaluating and treating children with cerebral palsy, abnormal gait and posture, foot, knee and back pain, balance and coordination problems and traumatic brain injuries. Furthermore, she specializes in the casting and fitting of custom-made orthotic devices for children. To obtain board certification, Persaud provided evidence of clinical experience in pediatrics and passed a thorough written exam, offered by ABPTS, a section of the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA).

"Achieving specialist certification will help both families and other medical professionals iden-

tify me as an individual who has attained advanced knowledge, skill and experience in the practice of pediatric physical therapy," Persaud said.

TherapyWorks offers physical, occupational, speech and nutrition therapy at its outpatient clinic in South Tulsa for children birth – 18. TherapyWorks helps children with balance, coordination, orthotics, sports injuries, cerebral palsy, Autism Spectrum Disorders, ADHD, sensory processing, Down syndrome, torticollis, fine motor skills, handwriting, speech, language, oral-motor skills, swallowing, feeding, nutrition and many other neurological and physical impairments.

TherapyWorks also provides on-site therapy and staff for schools throughout Northeastern and Central Oklahoma. TherapyWorks was founded in 1981.

To learn more, call 918-663-0606 or visit www.therapyworkstulsa.com.

TOY DRIVE PARTNERS COLLECTING DONATIONS

BOk and KTUL Newschannel 8 have partnered with The Salvation Army, Tulsa Area Command, to collect toys through Dec. 16 at all Tulsa area BOk locations. A first for the Salvation Army Toy Drive this year is the addition of Toy Drive barrels at Woodland Hills Mall from Dec. 13 to 16. Salvation Army Toy Drive barrels will also be placed at selected Dollar General Stores.

The Salvation Army is also inviting families to start a new holiday tradition by volunteering to "Ring-a-Bell For a Day." For more information on having your family participate in this community service, please contact Michelle Thomas, volunteer coordinator at 587-7801.

(L TO R): MAJOR ROY WILLIAMS WITH THE SALVATION ARMY; STEVE BRADSHAW, EXECUTIVE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT WITH BANK OF OKLAHOMA; AND CAROLE LAMBERT WITH KTUL NEWSCHANNEL 8.

SeekingSitters Family Fun Fest Winner Announced!

Congratulations to 3-year-old Nia Jones who showed his spirit at the 5th annual SeekingSitters Family Fun Fest and received the event's grand prize of a \$100 savings bond from SpiritBank. The event attracted over 60 families from the Tulsa area for a day of fun and, throughout the day, over \$3000 in gifts and prizes were awarded. Some of the Event Partners were Purple Glaze, GaGa-a-GoGo, Sage Culinary Studio and Kathleen's Kids. Every year more and more event partners get involved as this is a great way to reach out to families in the Tulsa area.

Families attending who were already members of the service got a chance to mingle with the babysitters and play, while new members had a chance to find out more about the service from the owners of the company, David and Adrienne Kallweit.

Over 50 Professional Sitters worked the event throughout the day playing games with children, organizing arts and crafts and meeting the parents.

Christina Oliver, director at SeekingSitters, says that the event is the best opportunity each year to reach out to our members and have a day of fun with them. She says, "There are some members that I only get to meet once a year, and this is the perfect venue, and I can't wait until next year."

