

Diabetic Children Get Chance To Go To Special Camp



Gene Empey, Vice President of Marketing for Sunworld Airways (L), presents a round-trip ticket to Tracey Simmons, one of the children being sent to a special diabetes camp. Also pictured is Roger Collins, Executive Director of Humana Hospital-Sunrise.

Through the efforts of Humana Hospital-Sunrise and Sunworld Airlines, ten diabetic children spent a week at camp De Los Ninos, a special diabetic children's camp being held near San Jose, California.

The children and a nurse, Marylee Uster, left for the camp on Sunday, August 10, and returned Sunday, August 17. Transportation was provided by Sunworld Airlines, who donated 11 round trip tickets to San Jose.

This is the second year in a row that Humana Hospital-Sunrise has worked to send a group of

diabetic children from their "Islet Piolet" program to camp.

"We are happy to arrange for these children to attend camp, an experience usually denied to them because of insulin and dietary control," said Ann Lynch, director of public relations at Humana Hospital-Sunrise.

"Camp De Los Ninos is special, because their programs, activities and food are geared for the diabetic child, and a doctor and nurses are there to control insulin and other medical situations," Lynch added.

Humana Hospital-Sunrise works to gather sponsors for the children's champerships and transportation to camp. They also send a nurse along, who watches over the children on the trip, and is also their camp counselor.

The "Islet Piolet" program at Humana Hospital-Sunrise was created to help children cope with their diabetes. The group members meet once a month and talk about their diabetes, play games, and learn about the kinds of foods they can and can't eat.

"This gives the children an opportunity to meet other children who have diabetes and face the same problems," said Lynch. "We even encourage siblings to attend the meetings and learn about diabetes and how to help their brother or sister live with it."

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Pope Greets Rabbi Arthur Schneier



ROME -- Pope John Paul II greets Rabbi Arthur Schneier, president of the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, at a private audience in the Vatican. Rabbi Schneier, who had just met with key government and religious figures in China, briefed the Pope on his discussions there and exchanged views with him on international concerns and issues of religious freedom. He also told the Pontiff that his visit and address to the main synagogue in Rome earlier this year was a historic act that would serve to strengthen understanding between Catholics and Jews. This was the second Vatican meeting between the Pope and Rabbi Schneier, who is also the rabbi of Park East Synagogue in Manhattan. The first visit took place in 1983.

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