



# PEARL HAVEN

## April Newsletter

### *Message from the Director*



Dear Pearl Haven Community,

Springtime is upon us and the meaning of new beginnings is flourishing within our Pearl Haven program! Our youth, who have had much of their earlier childhood marred with traumatic events, had the opportunity to experience spring holiday events that were surrounded with hope and light. The Easter egg hunt and luncheon was a highlight in creating new childhood experiences that are positive and safe.

The youth have been busy working in their last semester of school and are seeing some positive outcomes in meeting grade level requirements and feeling the self-confidence they need to succeed beyond their time here at Pearl Haven.

We appreciate all of the sponsors and community support we receive each month. The youth feel the support and caring from all around them and it is critical to the life-saving work that Pearl Haven does each day.

**-Liz Porter, Program Director**



### *Easter Festivities*

The youth had fun hunting for Easter eggs that were filled with chocolate and other treats. Afterwards, each youth received a basket filled with hair ties, Chapstick, pedicure kits, and other goodies.

Jonny and Tammy Bitanga came and cooked brunch for the girls. They made Portuguese Carne de vinha d'alhos, garlic roasted potatoes, sweet Hawaiian rolls, scrambled eggs, and fruit. The girls had fun, everyone participated, and said brunch was delicious!

A big thank you to the Pearl Haven staff and volunteers who made this Easter celebration possible for our youth.





## *ATP Magic Show and Lunch*

Mona and Fabian Loo, our volunteers from All Things Possible, had a magician come out to perform for the girls on site. They also catered the event and spent time doing a short bible study with the youth who wanted to participate.

The youth enjoyed the fun and wonder of being a part of a live magic show. For many of them they had never had the opportunity to be part of a live show! A big thank you to Mona and Fabian Loo for bringing the magic to our youth.



## *Movie Theater Night*

The staff and the youth at Pearl Haven set up the enrichment rooms like real life movie theaters. The youth were given movie tickets and Pearl Bucks to spend on their concession items. They were able to choose between a variety of snacks and drinks while they watched their movie.

The girls expressed appreciation of the change in routine and loved all of the different snack and drink options! They said the movie was pretty good too!

