

*California-Hawaii Elks  
Major Project*

Man's good deeds are often born of dreams which have found a time and place. Such was the case with the Major Project. It was but a dream until 1950 when the Elks adopted the program and assured it a future that grows bigger and brighter with each passing year.

Ever increasing need for services is met by the Elks of the California-Hawaii Elks Association. From its humble beginnings in Eureka, the program expanded further north to the Oregon border, the Sierra Nevada, the valley farmlands, the southern deserts to the Mexican border and across miles of ocean to the Hawaiian islands of Oahu and Hawaii.

The Major Project then broadened its scope with a program to screen preschool children for vision deficiencies. The California-Hawaii Elks moved forward again by establishing annual grants to Elks Eye Clinics at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco and Loma Linda University.

**ELKS BRING HOPE**  
*because*  
**ELKS CARE!**

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Elks Major Project

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- *Physical Therapy*
- *Occupational Therapy*
- *Speech-Language Therapy*
- *Preschool Vision Screening*

## *The Elks of California and Hawaii:*

- offer therapy services
- offer Preschool Vision Screening
- never charge for any services regardless of ability to pay
- entirely finance the Major Project

## **AVAILABLE SERVICES:**

- **PHYSICAL THERAPY**
- **OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY**
- **SPEECH-LANGUAGE THERAPY**
- **PRESCHOOL VISION SCREENING**

Therapists and Preschool Vision Screeners travel to the child in mobile units to provide these free services to eligible clients.

The Elks Major Project policy prohibits duplication of services or co-treatment.

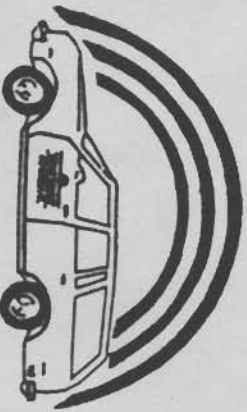
## **ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:**

*For therapy:  
those children*

- who are under 21 years of age
- who are not eligible for other therapy services because of geographical location, transportation, diagnoses, insurance or other limiting conditions
- whose parents are willing to be actively involved in the therapy program
- who usually can be seen in a home setting

*For preschool vision screening:  
those children*

- who are between 2 1/2 and 6 years of age
- who are usually in a preschool setting
- who might be seen at an open screening



## **REFERRAL PROCEDURES:**

Therapy services may be requested through the professional staff person in your area or by contacting the Major Project office in Fresno.

## *Preschool Vision Screening:*

- Requests for screenings may be made directly to the Preschool Vision Screener in your area or through the Major Project office in Fresno.

## *Occupational Therapy:*

- A physician's referral is necessary for evaluation and treatment.
- Referrals considered for treatment include the child with sensory motor and learning disabilities as well as the physical conditions listed under physical therapy.

## *Physical Therapy:*

- A physician's referral is necessary for evaluation and treatment.
- Appropriate referrals are children whose problems are primarily physical in nature such as spina bifida, cerebral palsy, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, muscular dystrophy, trauma, high risk infants and other orthopedic and neurological conditions.

## *Speech and Language Therapy:*

- Referrals are accepted from any source but contact is maintained with the child's physician.
- Appropriate referrals include children with speech-language delays which may or may not be associated with oral-facial anomalies, neurological disorders, hearing loss, voice, resonance and rhythm, as well as certain chromosomal alterations or syndromes.