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Toys and Classes for Special Needs Children Available to All
Jack's Helping Hand assists with fees for classes and adds toys to lending library

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA—For parents of special needs children who cannot afford the fees for a series of “Ability Classes” offered by Central Coast Gymnastics, Jack’s Helping Hand can help. Offered at the same times and at the same location as Jack’s Adaptive Toy Lending Library, these classes are uniquely designed to help children of all ages with physical and developmental limitations to make the most of their mobility. And because some families can’t find the extra money for these classes, Jack’s Helping Hand is offering scholarships to those who qualify. Applications are available at www.jackshelpinghand.org or by calling 547-1914.

“We are so impressed by the improvement we’re seeing in the children who attend these classes,” said Mary Illingworth, Charitable Administrator for Jack’s Helping Hand. “So we wanted to be sure all kids could participate, regardless of their ability to pay.”

Jack’s Adaptive Toy Lending Library, which lends out specially designed toys for children with a wide range of physical, cognitive, or developmental challenges, was established last year and is housed by Central Coast Gymnastics at 21 Zaca Lane in San Luis Obispo. Here, special needs children can find adaptive toys and equipment to check out and return at no cost – just like a book library.

“We’ve just added several new toys,” Illingworth said. “So if you’ve already been to our library, now there are more toys to choose from.”

Both the toy library and the Ability Classes are offered on Mondays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., and Fridays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Call 549-8408 for more information.

Now in its fourth year of service, Jack’s Helping Hand assists the families of special needs children, providing help with specialized treatments, services, equipment and transportation not available through other sources, or that exceed family financial capabilities. For more information please call 547-1914 or log on to www.jackshelpinghand.org.

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