

Recognizing Outstanding Service Excellence



Cristina Gaudio

Volunteer Services and 12A DNCC

Cindy Barshay from Child Life Therapy submitted the following nomination...

Cristina is a Doernbecher volunteer with a big heart and a lot of patience. Today she spent about 2 1/2 hours with a 3 month old baby who had a brain injury. He cried quite a bit, and she tried every trick she could think of to help him relax and settle down. This was no easy task! She rocked him standing, rocked him sitting down, gave him his pacifier, fed him his bottle, patted his back, swaddled him, and whispered to him, until finally, finally, after nearly 3 hours of efforts and tears, he fell off to sleep. Cristina rose to the challenge, did not get discouraged, and showed incredible patience which finally resulted in a peacefully sleeping baby. It is hard for a brain injured baby to relax enough and let go to fall asleep. But Cristina gave him that gift of sleep through her determination and patience. She just recently got accepted to medical school, and I know she will be an excellent doctor with divine patience, just as she is an excellent volunteer now! Yay, Cristina!

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