

# Angels revisit the BAPD

In early February, the children of the Bahamas Association for the Physically Disabled (BAPD) were blessed with an outpouring of loving care and generosity from a team of volunteer professionals from West Palm Beach, Florida, USA. The team was comprised of two pediatric physiotherapists, Mary Pengelley of Progressive Pediatric Therapy, and Cynthia Kuntze of School District of Palm Beach County, who were instrumental in assessing all of the children for positional equipment, to ensure that they were in good alignment and pain free. Justin Kuntze, an orthotist and prosthetist from Falk Prosthetics & Orthotics, adjusted and provided leg and foot braces for all the children, measured for body braces and even casted a small boy for a false leg so that one day he can walk. Carey Britton of National Seating & Mobility Services, a wheelchair and seating specialist, adjusted all the wheelchairs to fit each individual child. This was their second visit to assess all 22 children at the BAPD, ensuring they received the much needed care and equipment that suited their needs. Additionally to the free



► Mary Pengeleley of Progressive Pediatric Therapy, and Cynthia Kuntze of School District of Palm Beach County were instrumental in assessing all of the children for positional equipment.

services provided, the team along with their community volunteers provided many essential equipment for physiotherapy from power

chairs, shoes and braces, wheelchair trays and bath chairs and much more. Children who would never have the opportunity to walk were given hope and parents were filled with gratitude, as their child's life at home would become even easier.

Hannah Foster-Middleton, chief executive officer of Genesis Physiotherapy and physiotherapist of BAPD, said "I was happy to see them in such comfort. It was heartwarming".

Charlotte Albury, president of BAPD, said the organization was so grateful for the visit from Mary Pengeley and her team.

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**In two days the team assisted 17 children with wheelchairs, Rifton chairs, sleep systems, vests and orthotics.**



► The team, along with their community volunteers, provided essential equipment for physiotherapy, such as power chairs, shoes and braces, wheelchair trays and bath chairs.

chairs, Rifton chairs, sleep systems, vests and orthotics. To see the children being made more comfortable and being relieved of some of their discomfort was priceless. There were smiles all around by both children and parents, but without the wonderful donors that have supported BAPD, this would have not been possi-

ble, as we were not able to purchase the much needed equipment. It takes a village is such a true saying and BAPD is very fortunate to have an amazing group in our village."

Linda Smith, facility manager, also expressed her thankfulness, firstly to Foster-Middleton, for making the search for a team of spe-

cialists to assist the children and to Pengelley and the rest of the team for responding to the call. She stated that when each child was outfitted in their new equipment it made such a difference.

"We saw children who would normally be irritated after a short while due to discomfort in their chairs becoming relaxed and happy. This is truly an amazing experience for both us and the Progressive Therapy team. As we say, team work makes the dream work. I am just elated!

BAPD is a daycare facility for 22 children diagnosed mostly with Spina Bifida and Cerebral Palsy from age five to 19 years. Many of the children at BAPD are from vulnerable households. As a non-profit that depends on donations, it has been an ongoing challenge to consistently find the necessary funding to meet the daily needs that arise from equipment, specialist doctors, caregivers, teaching, supplies and daily meals.

The mission of BAPD is to be actively multi-functional. and as a non-profit offer all services free of charge. BAPD provides an environment dedicated to promoting self-esteem and improving social skills with the goal of functionally independent living being attained wherever possible.

Persons interested in supporting BAPD can donate online at [www.bapd242.com](http://www.bapd242.com).



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## Operations & Partnership Manager

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## Position Summary

This position will partner with the Executive Director and the PIMS Team to make a significant, meaningful impact on our ocean conservation and marine science. This position will provide high level support and assistance to the Executive Director on confidential organizational matters and act as the principal liaison between PIMS Leadership, PIMS Staff, and the organization's myriad of partners. The Operations & Partnerships Manager will also support the day-to-day operations of the organization by overseeing human resources, financial operations, and supporting the executive director by managing scheduling and travel planning. Additionally, the Operations & Partnership Manager will assist with development (fundraising) with managing donor lists, tracking donor and funder relations, and lead event planning and logistics in The Bahamas. This person must possess strong decision-making ability and experience handling administrative, operational and executive support related tasks. The ideal candidate will be a highly motivated, proactive problem solver with exceptional communication skills and meticulous attention for details.




## Candidate Applications

- Candidates from diverse sectors who have business acumen or nonprofit management experience are encouraged to apply (science and conservation experience is not required).
- This position is based in Nassau, Bahamas and a work permit will not be sought.

### Job Responsibilities

- Operations & Administration
  - Human Resources Administration
  - Financial Operations (day-to-day)
  - Organizational/ Field Operations
  - Executive Office Support
- Development (Fundraising) Support to Executive Director
  - Administrative - List and database management, correspondence and process management, follow-up
  - Donor and Funder Relations - manage meeting preparation and follow-up, support development of integrated grant proposals, lead event planning and logistics in The Bahamas, occasionally represent PIMS to funders and donors
- Partnership/ Relationship Management
  - Represent PIMS in meetings and with important stakeholders, able to convey the organization's mission and support executive decision making
  - Liaise with PIMS Leadership Team and Staff to foster good internal communication and excellent third-party partnerships
  - Ongoing government relations with the Government of The Bahamas

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