

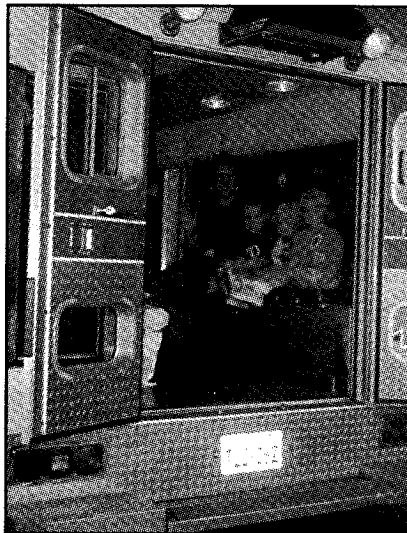
Steven and Lizette Jarvis of **Best Care Ambulance, Inc.** conduct a simulated emergency procedure utilizing Teacher Aide Lucy Johnson and Zackery Jarvis of Pasadena Center. Holding the child's hand is Ready Teddy Bear.

Ready Teddy EMS Bear Visits Pasadena Center

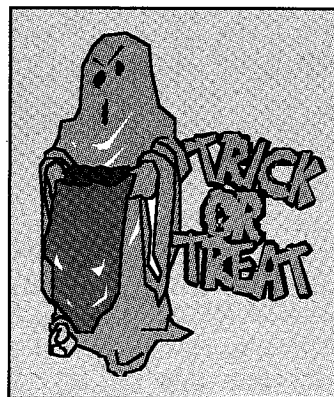
Early in September the "Ready Teddy EMS Bear" paid a visit to the children of our Pasadena Head Start Center. The children were delighted by the EMS Bear and the two ambulances he brought with him. Besides allowing the children to tour the ambulances and see how the emergency equipment works, a mock auto wreck was staged using Ms. Lucy Johnson and Zackery Jarvis to demonstrate the exact procedures used in responding to emergency situations. The children were also shown a video on how and when to use the 911 emergency number.

The visit culminated with the Ready Teddy EMS Bear passing out coloring books and stickers to the children.

We wish to thank **Best Care Ambulance, Inc.** for bringing this program to us.



Teacher Aide Ora Garza joins Pasadena Center children Zackery Jarvis, Stephanie Sharp and Justina Mitchell aboard the EMS ambulance. The children enjoyed touring the ambulances.



Dental Health Van Visits Head Start

The Colgate *Bright Smiles, Bright Futures* Dental Van Visited 33 Head Start Centers during September, providing free dental screenings and health education to our children.

Sponsored by the Colgate Palmolive Company, *Bright Smiles* is a national outreach inner-city oral health improvement program implemented locally through partnerships with various agencies and organizations. In Houston, various area dentists generously volunteered their time to conduct dental screenings of the children.

At each center the children received dental health education, a free dental screening with referral information if needed, and a free tooth care kit, complete with toothpaste and toothbrush.

"We are very grateful to Colgate Palmolive for being such a good corporate citizen and providing our children with essential dental screenings and oral health information," stated Ms. Laure Brown, health coordinator for Head Start. As a result of these screenings, the majority of Head Start centers have fulfilled the oral health portion of services required under federal performance standards.

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