

Watsonvile Girl Is Easter Seal Child

Victoria Valencia, 13, of Watsonville, is Easter Seal Child of Santa Cruz County for 1971.

Victoria was selected by the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Santa Cruz County as representative of the 793 physically handicapped children and adults served by the local society last year.

Victoria was born with a cleft palate and has had orthodontic care and surgery.

Last summer the local Easter Seal Society sent Victoria to La Honda Speech Camp operated by the San Francisco Easter Seal Society. Field trips and the general camp experience boosted Vicky's confidence as a speaker and enlarged her vocabulary. Language therapy utilized Vicky's interest in earth science, rocks, and space flight. At the end of the camp session, Vicky volunteered more speech.

Victoria is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Valencia and attends the E. A. Hall School where she is a seventh grade student.

Contributions received during the Easter Seal Campaign, March 1 through April 11, will provide continued services for children such as Victoria and



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the Easter Seal Society of Santa Cruz County hopes to expand its program to care for more persons with handicapping conditions during 1971.

Victoria will fulfill her ambassadorship by appearing at a series of special Easter Seal events scheduled throughout the county during the fund appeal.