



The Canvas

Seeing the unseen in every Rainbows' child.

Celebrating our long time staff members



Deb Voth, President

One of Rainbows' Guiding Principles is to "Be positive, celebrate success and recognize achievements". One of the ways we do this with staff is through our 10:15+ Club. Every year on October 15 at 10:15 a.m., staff are

picked up and taken for a day of activities and surprises. This year we visited Karg's glass blowing store in Kechi, and then spent the rest of the day at the Wichita Art Museum touring their beautiful displays, eating together, recognizing members with milestone years of service and watching a touching movie about a man with developmental disabilities caring for his young daughter in "I am Sam". We accepted 7 new members into 10:15+. Rainbows has 81 staff who have been with us for 10 years or longer. That is 36% of our staff!

Sharri Penrod recently retired after 31 years of working at Rainbows. Sharri started as a parent with Rainbows years ago when we served her son Greg. Sharri began volunteering and then she became an employee.

Sharri served in many roles always willing to do what was needed of her. Most of her time was spent in the Finance Department working with child care billings, purchasing, and managing the federal food program for Rainbows. Sharri retired to spend more time with her husband Robert. Thank you, Sharri, for your many years of service.

Lorie Angelo is retiring November 18 after 23 years of faithful service. When Lorie started at Rainbows she brought with her a respite program that needed a new home. That is how Rainbows started providing services to over 100 children through in-home care, weekend center based respite, latch key, and Camp Woodchuck.

For many years Lorie has been the supervisor for Rainbows' Targeted Case Management, which serves 450 children and special needs foster care serving 15-20 children annually. She also helped Rainbows to begin serving children through the Autism Waiver and has represented Rainbows at many local and statewide work groups. Lorie has tirelessly kept the interests of children with special needs and their families at the forefront in any discussion or decision-making process that could impact them. We thank Lorie for the positive influence she has had on the lives of so many!

I am very appreciative of the talented and skilled people whom we have the privilege of working with each day. Thank you all for your dedicated work in revealing the masterpiece in each child.

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spreading wings

Specialized Foster Care provides love and safety

A parent herself, Cynthia has been providing foster care for the past 19 years and got connected to Rainbows about 3 years ago. At that time, she had a young girl in her home for more than a year. Currently she provides foster care respite for other Rainbows' families and looks forward to making children feel loved and cared for.

"Children need a place where they can feel safe and not be taken advantage of," said Cynthia. "I can be their voice. Help them be understood." Having a sister with special needs gave Cynthia a unique perspective and insight into providing

a place for children in foster care. "She knows how to make a child feel loved," said Kerri Dixon, Rainbows' Foster Care Social Worker. "Cynthia is calm and able to problem solve well."

Specialized foster care families of Rainbows United see the masterpiece within each child and provide a loving environment crucial to a child's success. This comes during a time of temporary separation when events prevent them from being with their birth family.

To find out more contact Kerri Dixon at kdixon@rui.org or 316.558.3539.



Cynthia and her sister Volanda

Breaking the mold Pat & Sylvia Do

Rainbows is honored to have Pat and Sylvia Do as Fashion Passion 2016 Event Chairs. "The event is filled with great ideas and special surprises that came from Sylvia," said Deb Voth, President. "It's so much fun to have the Do's involved at this level."

Founder of Mid-America Orthopedics Pat is an orthopedic surgeon. Sylvia practices Internal Medicine at Galichia Medical Group.

The couple is very involved in the local community along with their 3 children.



Mark your calendar for
Tuesday, November 29
and give online at
RainbowsUnited.org/#GivingTuesday.

Board member Profile: Steve Butcher



Steve Butcher recently joined Rainbows' Board of Directors. Steve has lived in Wichita for 5 1/2 years and is the General Manager of the brand new Aloft Hotel in Wichita, scheduled to open in February 2017.

Steve did not waste any time after moving to Wichita to become immersed in its many opportunities. He is a member of the Tallgrass Film Festival Board and started volunteering on Rainbows' Fashion Passion Planning Committee two years ago. Steve understands his role in helping Rainbows by connecting us to needed resources to be more successful with our special events. Steve is also bringing his skills in organizational management to the Board' Operations Committee.

Thank you, Steve, for your passion in helping children with special needs and their families!



The 2016 InterHab Art and Awards Luncheon was held Friday, October 14 at the Hyatt Regency. Rainbows' Lorie Angelo, Targeted Case Management Coordinator and CDDO Liaison was honored as President's Award winner for her dedication and statewide work over her 23 years at Rainbows. She is pictured above with husband, John Angelo and father, Clearance Moos.

Skyler Jackson, daughter of Matt and Tina Jackson represented Classroom 109 as Art Award winner.

Also honored and pictured below as Outstanding Youth are Rebecca Oare, daughter of Steve and Frances Oare and Blake Unrein, son of Chris and Janel Unrein.



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