



The Canvas



More Than One Million Dollars Raised in FY2016



Deb Voth, President

Rainbows' fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. For the first time in our 44 year history, Rainbows raised a record \$1,011,000 in fundraising for operations and services! Breaking through the one

million dollar ceiling has been our focus for the last two years. Rainbows has been successful raising millions of dollars for special projects such as capital campaigns and decreasing our debt during our restructuring period. We have not, however, been able to reach that \$1 million annual goal for services and general operations.

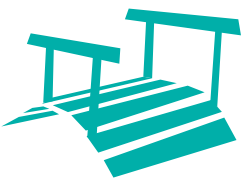
Not-for-profits such as Rainbows serve an important role in the community. We perform this role by providing specific services that relate to our Mission Statement "Rainbows enhances the lives of children with special needs and their families by bringing together community resources and providing customized services".

Rainbows is not able to carry out its Mission without accessing a number of different funding resources. We cannot depend on one source of funding, but instead, we diversify the financial support we receive. We focus on these major areas for fundraising: special events, individual and corporate sponsorships, in-kind gifts, grants, foundations, major gifts, and

annual giving campaigns.

With funds decreasing from governmental entities or remaining flat at best, it is critical to increase our fundraising efforts. Because of that, Rainbows' goal for our current fiscal year is \$1,100,000. So here we go again; we cannot be successful without the support of many. It takes an entire team of staff and community volunteers to be able to maximize the funding resources. I hope you will continue to give so families of children birth to age 21 can depend on needed services for their children. On behalf of the children and families served, thank you for your support.

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Community Based Education / Training Services

At Rainbows United, we believe each child is a masterpiece, whether or not they perceive themselves that way.

For children who have trouble holding a crayon, struggle to pay attention or have other challenges, their inner beauty may become overshadowed by apprehension--especially when they enter a school environment.

That's where we can help. Through a contract with Wichita Public

Schools we offer a bridge of learning, going beyond to give children 3-5 years old a little extra help.

Careful brush strokes to reveal the masterpiece within. A great start in school can mean a great start in life.

Community Based Education/ Training Services (CBETS), through Rainbows, offers ideas, specific services and resources to support each child's education.

For more information, call 316.267.5437.

Services

- Services are provided at no cost to families or child care providers.
- Services are based on each child's needs.
- Physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, behavior consultation and strategies, and educational activities are among the services offered.
- Visits to the home or child care center, to observe how the child functions in his current setting, followed by suggestions of strategies that address concerns.

Peter Hampel's Luau Raises \$43,000

Over the past 9 years, Peter Hampel and his family have hosted Peter Hampel's Luau, an event benefiting Rainbows United. Through the support of generous Luau donors, partners, volunteers and attendees, the Luau has provided vital funds for Rainbows programs and services. Peter is pictured to the right with his mother, Nancy Hampel.

This year, over 500 people enjoyed Peter Hampel's 9th Annual Luau at Tanganyika Wildlife Park. Guests enjoyed the sights and sounds of the park and had the opportunity to interact with lemurs, bunnies, kangaroos and more. Susan Peters was the event emcee and the night ended with a spectacular fireworks display.

This year's event raised more than \$43,000 for children with special needs!



RainbowsUnited.org has a new look

Rainbows' website has a new look that will adjust to multiple screen sizes thanks to Daniel Drouhard with DCO. This new responsive design automatically changes to fit the size of your smart phone, a tablet, laptop or desktop screen.

"It's nice to have a mobile responsive experience," said Deb Voth, President.

The new site is designed for storytelling through words, photos and graphics. You'll notice it's much more visual and engages viewers with services and events through smiles, color and emotion.



Breaking the mold Textron Aviation Interns

An awesome group of interns from Textron Aviation volunteered at Camp Woodchuck's Mini Carnival on Thursday, June 30. What a fun day for all!



Campers, alongside their buddies, visited the various games and activities that filled the Kids' Cove classrooms and gym. Each station was manned by individuals from Textron's group of 15 young professionals.

From Plinko, to ring toss, to an indoor obstacle course, the Camp Mini Carnival was a huge hit with the kids!

Thank you Textron Aviation for supporting Rainbows' Camp Woodchuck and the many other ways throughout the year.

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