

The Canvas

Seeing the unseen in every Rainbows' child.



Hampel family event - 10 years of support for children



Deb Voth, President

The 10th Annual Peter Hampel Luau benefiting Rainbows United is Saturday August 26, 2017 at Tanganyika Wildlife. Ten years ago, the Hampel family decided to turn their annual 4th of July family gathering into a fundraiser for Rainbows. Ed and Nancy Hampel have a son named Peter who benefited from Rainbows' services for many years until he grew into an adult. Because of this, the Luau was named in his honor. Peter's siblings, cousins, and many other family members plan the entire event. This year the Hampel family has a goal of raising \$50,000 for Rainbows.

The biggest sponsor of the Luau is Hampel Oil Distributors. The Company was incorporated as a family-owned and operated business in 1976 when Al Hampel was asked to become an independent distributor for Amoco. Now, with six locations throughout Kansas, four in Oklahoma, three in Texas, as well as locations in Kansas City, Arkansas, and Pennsylvania, Hampel Oil remains family-owned and operated that continues to change and grow with the times. Throughout their history, the Hampels continue to share the importance of philanthropy and a sense of community through not only their family but also their company.

Sincere thanks goes to each and every Hampel family member and employee. You are having a positive impact on so many children served through Rainbows!

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Saturday, August 26, 2017

Tanganyika Wildlife Park
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Camp Woodchuck Memories

Candace Staker, Camp Woodchuck Director

A'hoey everyone! We have officially closed up camp at Pirates' Cove for the summer and returned to Kids' cove, but boy do we have stories to share. The ship is docked and all the little pirates have returned to school with memories of, what I hope, was a fun filled adventurous summer. The last time I was part of a summer camp I was 13, several summers ago! This summer I was fortunate to be part of a summer camp again, this time at Rainbows' Camp Woodchuck, and it is an experience I won't soon forget!

My co-workers tried to tell me about Camp Woodchuck and the wonderful time it is, but nothing truly compares to actually experiencing it for yourself. As you can imagine, serving 99 children and youth daily at Camp has the potential to be chaotic, so I was prepared for hectic. What I wasn't prepared for was the copious amounts of fun, laughter and joy I would have along with the kids! Camp's 2017 theme was "Treasure Island, Adventure Awaits You." You can imagine the treasure hunts, pirate games and exploring that took place at Camp this year with a theme like that. We even had a pin-the-eye-patch on the pirate game.

Working with and getting to see the kids every day, their smiles, hearing their laughs and getting hugs from friends each day was the best part for me. It's no wonder people talk about Camp Woodchuck with a smile, I haven't had a summer so fun since I was 13!

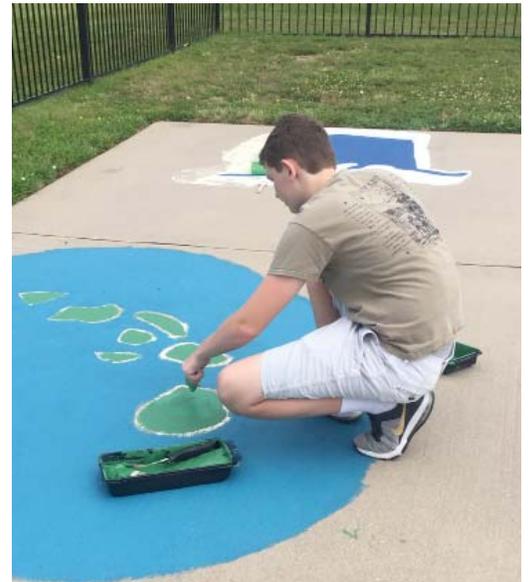


The Camp Woodchuck Art Show took place on Thursday, July 20. Every camper was able to present a work of art for family and friends to enjoy.

Eagle Scout completes project for Rainbows' pre-schoolers

Dominic Bann is a junior at Kapaun Mount Carmel High School. He plays football, enjoys CrossFit workouts, and likes building computers. But perhaps his favorite hobby of all is participating in Boy Scouts. Dominic and his family approached Rainbows earlier this spring looking for a service opportunity in order for Dominic to complete his Eagle Project.

"Boy Scouts from Troop 520 helped me repaint a large map of the United States on the concrete slab near the West end of the playground. I was also able to clean up and redo a large portion of Rainbows' outdoor furniture. We spent a whole Saturday sanding and re-staining benches, some fencing, planters, rocking chairs, and balance beams that are situated throughout the entire playground," said Dominic. "Sherwin Williams, Star Lumber and Westlake Ace Hardware generously donated the supplies."



Bank of America gift supports youth

In June, Rainbows received funding from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation to support Targeted Case Management (TCM). TCM provides a wraparound, strengths-based approach to supporting children and youth with disabilities. Case Managers help families navigate complex service delivery systems that include medical, educational, mobility, assistive technology, and behavioral support. Their goal is to help youth access educational resources and programs; develop interpersonal skills; and plan for a future that includes the youth's employment and living as independently as possible.

The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is focused on building pathways to economic mobility by addressing the issues of workforce development and education, basic needs and community development.

Grant funds from the Bank of America Charitable Foundation will be used to develop the capacity of Targeted Case Managers to assist youth in accessing appropriate training programs and resources to increase their employability. Case Managers will receive training on helping families plan for the future, and on new legislation, affecting how services for persons with disabilities are to be provided. Thank you Bank of America!

Pictured above are Deb Voth, President; Dan Sabol, Board Member; and Angela Kessler, Vice President of Development.

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