



# The Canvas

Seeing the unseen in every Rainbows' child.



## Get involved, children depend on you



Deb Voth, President

July 1st marks the beginning of Rainbows' fiscal year. Rainbows has been able to fight off any decreases in State funding for our services. However, that means there were no increases either in any of these funding sources. State

funding sources make up approximately 74% of our operating revenue.

It is a challenge to manage an organization when funding decisions come so late; there are no increases in revenue sources for services provided; and the cost of doing business increases in many ways. State revenues for June 2015 were \$20 million under estimates. If this trend continues, State government will be forced to look at reductions or additional revenue sources.

Many not-for-profits already function with a lean infrastructure and large caseloads. Many of us are required to serve those individuals who qualify and need our services. There are no waiting lists. We stretch staff

more – trying to do more with less. We love what we do at Rainbows. We are passionate about the services we provide to over 3,400 children and their families each year but lack of funding does impact quality and the supports we can give families and staff.

Please be mindful of funding discussions at the State level. Ask questions of your legislators. Most of them will be in our communities through September or longer.

There are smartphone applications one can use to communicate directly with legislators and track legislation. "Open:States" is an app for use on iPhones or iPads. Openstates.org is a web site that provides the same options.

Be involved. Know how your taxes are being used. Know what critical services in your community depend on them and thank you as a donor and tax payer for supporting these vital services. You are helping to improve the lives of so many!

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Above: Camp Woodchuck presented the fun-filled Annual Talent Show on Thursday, July 16.

Below: *Voices of the Rainbow* choir performed at LS Industries as well as INTRUST Bank El Dorado as part of their west branch 10th Anniversary celebration. Campers were treated to lunch courtesy of INTRUST.



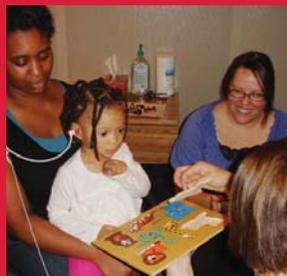
Upcoming screening dates  
August 27, 28  
September 10, 25  
October 8, 23  
November 5, 20  
December 3, 11

For an appointment  
call 316.267.3535.

## Connecting Point offers free screenings

A project of Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council, Connecting Point is a place where families begin to find the answers to questions about development and services for young children.

Professionals provide information and referrals for young children, answer questions and share schedules for free monthly developmental



screening clinics called Screen for Success.

Screen for Success helps families acquire information on the growth and development of their child(ren). Each child's hearing, speech/language, vision, health/nutrition, behavior and overall development are checked by an early childhood professional.

Caregivers have an opportunity to discuss concerns and options. The results provide a general idea of whether the child is growing and developing at the level expected for his or her age group. A Kid Kit of community resources and basic developmental information is provided.

**ALOHA!**

Please join us for  
**Peter Hampel's 8th Annual Luau,**  
 an event benefiting Rainbows United!

August 1, 2015  
 4 - 10 p.m.  
 Tanganyika Wildlife Park  
 1000 S. Hawkins Lane  
 Goddard, KS 67052

*More Luau details:*

Tanganyika Park will be open 4 p.m. to dusk. Hog Wild Pit BBQ will be served from 5 - 7 p.m. You can enjoy a FIREWORKS show starting at approximately 9:15 p.m.

RSVP by July 29 and/or donate\* online, please visit: RainbowsUnited.org or by mail to: Hampel Luau, 3727 S. West St., Wichita, KS 67217

\*Please make checks payable to Rainbows United, Inc. Donations will also be accepted at the event.

Admission to the Wildlife Park will be \$5 per person (4 and older) and park wristbands will be available for purchase at the Luau.

Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided. You may bring your own adult beverages, but no glass containers.

Social media Luau updates at:

- Facebook: Peter Hampel's Luau at the Lake Benefiting Rainbows United
- Website: [www.hampeloil.com/luau](http://www.hampeloil.com/luau)
- Twitter: @HampelLuau



Colin Peters, 20, visits with President Charlie Chandler and CFO Brian Heinrich after the Camp Woodchuck Voices of the Rainbow choir performed at INTRUST Bank downtown in July.

**Board Member Profile - Sue Doonan**

Four years ago, Sue Doonan attended Rainbows' signature fundraising event, Fashion Passion. From that night on, Sue was "hooked" and has dedicated her time and resources to children with special needs. "I grew up with a special needs brother and if we would have had Rainbows' services, life would have been so much easier for our whole family."



Sue Doonan

As an active member of Friends of the Heart, Sue has served as Chair of the Fashion Passion silent auction committee. In 2012, Sue and her husband Kenny, owner of Doonan Truck and Equipment, served as Fashion Passion co-chairs and presenting sponsors.

"I joined the Rainbows Board this year because I want to do anything I can to make the lives of children with special needs better."

Sue and Kenny have three children and five grandchildren, with one on the way.

**Breaking the mold**

Sam Ribauda volunteered 15 hours per week, all summer in Targeted Case Management helping with data entry and filing.



A Psychology major at the University of Science and Art of Oklahoma, she is interested in understanding how people with disabilities work to achieve their goals and their roles despite difficulties and barriers.

Growing up deaf, Sam says life has been a challenge, but she has adapted and wants to lend her personal experience to help others.

Sam says that she wanted to volunteer at Rainbows because Rainbows works with and helps children with special needs, and though she does not work directly with Rainbows' kids, she enjoys serving. She likes being around the people she works with, "they are thoughtful, kind, caring, and passionate about what they do."

Thank you, Sam, for making a difference at Rainbows all summer long.

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