

The Canvas

Seeing the unseen in every Rainbows' child.



Remembering the year, our board and special partners



Deb Voth, President

December marks the month of the year that Rainbows hosts our Annual Meetings for both Rainbows United, Inc. and the Rainbows United Charitable Foundation. It is a time for us to review what occurred during Fiscal Year 2015. It is also

a time for us to recognize some of the many individuals and companies who have made this journey with us.

I am pleased to announce that Board Members Steve Cox, Lisa Farris, Pete McKernan, and Meredith Olson have renewed their terms to serve another three years on Rainbows Board. Janeen Hughes has joined the RUCF Board. Sadly Dan Drake is leaving due to the many work commitments he has but we will not let him get too far from us. Dan has shared his business wisdom and experience to help us thrive.

Meredith Olson steps aside as Chair of Rainbows Board as Dr. Josh Umbehr takes on the role of Chair. Meredith has provided powerful leadership in her mild manner style. We love her enthusiasm about Rainbows' services and are so

pleased she remains on the Board as Past Chair.

Rainbows also recognized three major partners who have brought value to the organization.

Armstrong Chamberlin has been a faithful Blarney Breakfast design and graphics partner. From posters, to placemats, to table tents, to signage and everything else associated with this event, they have provided their creative genius and professionalism pro-bono. In addition, James Schisler, Director of Interactive Services is a valued member of Rainbows' Communications Committee.

Frank Seitz along with his dedicated staff at Derby Recreational Center and community volunteers have successfully put on the CJ Memorial Golf Tournament for 9 years. The golf tournament is done in memory of Frank's son C.J. who was served by Rainbows, The ARC of Sedgwick County, Ketch, and Derby Free Spirits. While C.J. passed away in 2006, his memory lives on through his father and this golf tournament. What a wonderful tribute to him!

Rainbows is honored to partner with WSU's Community Engagement Institute. Heading up the ImpACT Center: Innovation Mobilization of



Selena Phillips and Board Chair, Meredith Olson

People to ACT is Teresa Strausz. Teresa has been instrumental in helping Rainbows' partnership with the AmeriCorps VISTA program.

Also honored at the event was Rainbows' Prism award winner Selena Phillips, Case Records Assistant. Selena was honored for exemplifying the Guiding Principles and her work over the last 23 years.

As I reflect on the year, the people who guide our solid foundation and the partners who come alongside us, I look forward to the coming year and all we will accomplish together,

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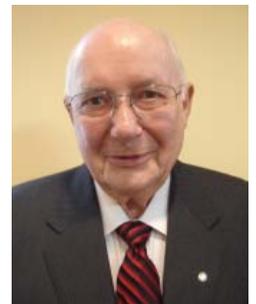
Grant Stannard: Why I give endowment funds

There may be significant advantages to including Rainbows United Charitable Foundation, Inc. in your long-term financial plans. "I included RUCF in my long-term planning because it is important to me to give in perpetuity; to support children with special needs in an ongoing, meaningful way," said Grant Stannard, Stannard Construction. "I can leave a legacy to Rainbows to help children now and in the future."

The goal of Rainbows United Charitable Foundation, Inc. is to provide the necessary financial security to ensure that our community's children of tomorrow will receive the individual help they need to succeed and thrive. Income from endowed funds supports maintenance of existing services as well as development of cutting edge service enhancements despite fluctuations in other established funding streams.

Endowment Partner

Rainbows Charitable Foundation, Inc. partners with Wichita Community Foundation for agency designation and endowed funds. Please visit Wichita Community Foundation at www.wichitacf.org to learn about their services to the community



To find out more about Planned Giving or Endowment contact Angela Kessler at akessler@rui.org or 316.558.3482.

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TWENTY FIFTEEN



Breaking the mold



Kendall and Jackson Drake

Kendall Drake was a practicing pediatric physical therapist until her son, Jackson, was born. It was at this time that Kendall first became personally

involved with Rainbows. Jackson was diagnosed with 22q11.2 deletion syndrome at a young age, meaning he has a deletion of a small piece of chromosome 22. Following his diagnosis, Jackson got plugged into Rainbows to receive therapy. "He benefitted from Rainbows. The therapies allowed him to progress and helped us learn alongside him," Kendall says.

As a volunteer, Kendall finds purpose through the water therapy program. She says, "What I find so meaningful is being able to connect with mothers who are young and experiencing a diagnosis for the first time. I can absolutely put myself back in that position. I remember the rush of emotions, so it is extremely rewarding to be able to help both mothers and fathers experience that for the first time and work through the unknowns."

Kendall is a member of Friends of the Heart. She and her husband, Dan, also have a 13 year old daughter, Kennedy. Thank you for giving of your time and talents to the children of Rainbows.

Board Committee Member Profile: Mona Martin



A member of Rainbows' Human Resources Committee, Mona Martin brings her insight and passion for people as Director of

Human Resources for HM Dunn AeroSystems, Inc. to help guide policies and resources for Rainbows.

She's a fan of Rainbows for several reasons, "Rainbows is a top notch organization, providing services for kids with special needs, ministering to them and their families, and truly advocating for their clients. I am a sucker for kids with special needs, so the work Rainbows does touches my heart," said Mona.

She believes we are all called to share our time, talents, and treasures and encourages others to include Rainbows on their list of organizations that are worthy of their charitable contributions and their time. "If all you have time and talent for is to read a book to a child, that child will know that you care," she said.

Mona is married to Rob, has 2 kids, 5 grandkids and 2 boxers. Thank you Mona for making a difference for the children of Rainbows.



Community Rewards

Shop at Dillons, choose Rainbows and support children with special needs today!



Thank you for supporting Rainbows through this program in 2015. A total of \$1,916 was raised. Please select Rainbows United as your charity of choice for 2016.

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