



RAINBOWS
bringing potential to life

The Canvas

Seeing the unseen in every Rainbows' child.

Camp Woodchuck - Super Hero Summer



Deb Voth, President

Rainbows' Camp Woodchuck started June 1, 2016 and runs through July 29. Camp Woodchuck is a summer recreational and leisure day program for children and youth ages 5 to 21 years who have fairly significant disabilities or restricted mobility.

This summer we have more than 100 participants. Children and young adults receive individual attention, assistance, and supervision as needed. Many of the children are staffed one to one because of their individual needs and Rainbows has a nurse on site to handle the multitude of medications needed by most of the attendees. Making sure each child receives the right medication at the right time of the day is an amazing skill in itself.

Camp provides an age-appropriate environment



President, Deb Voth recently took part in a KMUW Engage ITC panel sharing challenges and information on issues impacting not-for-profits.

that is loud, fun, busy, crazy, and safe for these children who need constant supervision.

They go on community outings such as to the Sedgwick County Zoo and Park, Botanica,

Exploration Place, restaurants, etc. As a way to give back to the Community and thank some of our many sponsors, the Camp Choir sings at Star Lumber, The Wichita Eagle, LS Industries, Davis Moore, Andover State Bank, Intrust Bank in El Dorado and Downtown Wichita, Cox Communications, and Mid-America Orthopedics. We love sharing the joy of these Campers with others who recognize the beauty and uniqueness of each individual.

The theme for 2016 Camp Woodchuck is Super Hero Summer. In addition to our Campers, we are fortunate to be surrounded by many super heroes who support Rainbows. Remember that, you are a super hero by making Camp Woodchuck and other Rainbows' services possible through your generosity.

So pick your super hero name. I have always wanted to be Wonder Woman!

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Manny's mom is grateful for Rainbows' many services

When Manny was born, he was diagnosed with a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy, and Significant Developmental Delay due to the TBI and suffering a stroke while in the birth canal. Manny was diagnosed later in his life with Autism and Intermittent Explosive Disorder.

"Rainbows has been a lifeline for myself and my family," Angela said. "I was 17 and a junior in high school when Manny was born and I had no idea how to raise a child, let alone a child with special needs."

Manny began receiving Rainbows' services 17 years ago when he was just a few days old. An occupational therapist from Rainbows went to his room in the NICU to teach Angela and his father important strategies for his care. "His seizures were so

severe that something as simple as the light being turned on and off would cause him to have a seizure," Angela said.

Since then, Rainbows has provided Manny in-home Infant/Toddler Services until the age of three and then he transitioned to center based Child Care Services until he graduated at the age of five. Manny and his family also receive Targeted Case Management and he attends Camp Woodchuck.

"Every single Rainbows staff member I have come across has been 100% committed to providing the best services and support to the children and families they support," Angela said. "For that I will forever be grateful to have such a wonderful organization on Manny's team."



Endowment gives lasting legacy

Make a gift today – leave your legacy and be a part of our bright future. Gifts to Rainbows United Charitable Foundation endowment fund are welcome at any time.

We are proud to partner with Wichita Community Foundation for the investment of endowed gifts. Please visit Wichita Community Foundation at wichitacf.org to learn more about their services to the community.

Income from endowed funds supports Rainbows' ongoing operations and existing services despite fluctuations in other established funding streams. To learn more, contact the development office at 316.267.KIDS.



Super Hero Summer is sponsored by

United Way of the Plains, Sedgwick County Community Development Disability Organization, The Lattner Family Foundation, CJ Memorial Golf Tournament, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas Foundation, Gutru Endowment at University Congregational Church, Downtown Wichita Kiwanis, The Ability Experience.

Breaking the mold

Sherwin-Williams gives back

Thirteen employees from the Sherwin Williams Andover Plant recently paid a visit to Rainbows' Kids' Cove. On June 10, this group volunteered for 4 hours doing various outdoor projects, helping to meet many needs for this location. From hauling and spreading an immense amount of mulch to fence repairs to freshening paint on the playground, this volunteer group kept busy and put in a lot of hard work.

Camp Woodchuck was in full swing during their visit, giving this group unique exposure to Rainbows' services. "Sherwin-Williams enjoys being able to make a difference in the community through projects such as these. Just seeing the kids enjoy the space is really rewarding," said Kyelene Flaming, Human Resource Manager.

Rainbows is grateful to have such a devoted community partner in Sherwin Williams. Kids' Cove has never looked better.



Donor Profile: University Congregational Church



Due to the generosity of Robert Gutru, who established a permanent endowment through University Congregational Church to support families who have children with special needs, Rainbows received a gift of \$3,000. The funds will be used to provide scholarships for Camp Woodchuck.

Rainbows' Camp Woodchuck is a summer recreational program for children ages 5-21 who have significant disabilities. Camp Woodchuck allows children to experience summer activities typical children their age take for granted, such as field trips, games, crafts and more.

Thank you University Congregational Church for providing such a special opportunity for Rainbows children.

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