

The Canvas

Seeing the unseen in every Rainbows' child.



Helping hands through TCM



Deb Voth, President

One of the many privileges we have working at Rainbows is the opportunity to see an infant start services with us and then watch the child grow into the teen years. With these many years together, we see the needs of the child and family change as the child and family become a part of the bigger family of Rainbows.

Who helps the family maneuver through the different systems, identify and articulate what solutions there might be for different stages and challenges? Fortunately for the children and families served by Rainbows they can have

Targeted Case Management (TCM) to help guide them.

Our TCM helping hands provide personal assistance in finding and securing the programs, services and financial aid that a family and a child need. We support the child and family by meeting with other persons involved in the child's life including teachers, therapists and care providers to make certain every aspect is working in the child's best interest.

Revenues raised through Rainbows' Blarney Breakfast directly impact our Targeted Case Management services. I hope you will join us in supporting these services.

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42nd Annual Blarney Breakfast
to benefit Rainbows
Presented by Bob & Arlo Casper SPIRIT

Friday, March 17, 2017
6:00–9:30 a.m.
Old Chicago East | Kellogg & Rock

TICKETS
ADULT\$15
CHILD\$5
(UNDER 12)

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- Online at RainbowsUnited.org
- Old Chicago East
- Call 316.558.3406

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TCM helps Noah with sensory sensitivity

Four year old Noah Thornton is Autistic. "There are challenges with his sensory issues and some activities we have to modify or avoid all together," said Noah's mother, Jennifer. "Even so, I can't say Noah's diagnosis affects our everyday life negatively. It is a blessing to see the world through his eyes."

Noah has been with Rainbows since he was 18 months old. He initially received therapy through Rainbows' Butler County Infant/Toddler Services program for children ages birth – three.

Noah currently receives Targeted Case Management through Rainbows. His Targeted Case Manager, Vanessa Noble, provides crucial support to the Thornton family in a variety of ways.

"Vanessa is full of knowledge about what is out there and available for Noah. Getting funding for things that are otherwise difficult for us to obtain due to life circumstances and finances is huge," said Jennifer. "Noah is always first in our family, so getting help with his needs is amazing and very helpful to the entire family."

Noah can have challenging behaviors and experiences sensory integration issues. Thanks to the Blarney Breakfast, Noah will receive a number of sensory items for self-calming. Among other useful tools, Noah will receive a weighted snake, Stetchy

sheets, and a Hanging Crow's Nest. Weighted items like the snake have been shown to calm Noah by giving him deep pressure and the sheets will apply this same kind of pressure while he is in bed to help him sleep.

The Hanging Crow's Nest is a swing. This swing will wrap around Noah to calm him and limit overstimulation. As his Case Manager, Vanessa is confident that these items will help curb Noah's behaviors.

"If it wasn't for Rainbows, I would have never known about putting Noah in pre-school or been aware of the sensory tools available to him and our family," said Jennifer. "Rainbows' staff is so caring and truly top-notch."

For more information about Targeted Case Management Services through Rainbows contact Lindsay Coffee at 316.267.5437 or visit RainbowsUnited.org.



Thornton family

Birth to Three, Read to Me: Kansas Health Foundation

Thanks to a generous gift through Kansas Health Foundation Rainbows is in the process of distributing more than 3,500 books to infants and toddlers in the local community through therapy services, and hospitals.

"It's so important for parents to read to their child at birth," said Alexia Foster, Sedgwick County Infant/Toddler Services Assistant Coordinator. "Having age appropriate books to distribute to families helps promote our early literacy message."

When parents read to their children starting from birth, they support the child's brain development, build the



child's vocabulary and establish a foundation for language that predicts future academic success.

"Children and their families love the books," said Susan Harsh, Butler County Infant/Toddler Services.

Rainbows has Kansas Tax Credits available

Rainbows was awarded \$200,000 in tax credits through the Kansas Community Service Program. Rainbows will use Tax Credits to fund a campaign called "Revealing Masterpieces" for the purpose of implementing new client tracking and reporting software.

Tax credits, equal to 50% of the contribution, are available to donors who contribute to the campaign.

Any business or individual subject to state income tax is eligible. To learn more, contact Angela Kessler, Vice President of Development at 316.558.3482 or akessler@rui.org.

Breaking the Mold: Don Hall



Don Hall has been the voice of Wichita radio since 1974 when he started at KEYN. Shortly after his move to Wichita, Don got involved with Rainbows and the Blarney Breakfast. Don donates his time and talents as a member of the Blarney Breakfast planning committee. "When you think about the Blarney Breakfast, you automatically think of Don Hall. His warm heart, creative spirit and passion for kids helped shaped the Blarney Breakfast into what it is today. And he has helped thousands of kids," said Margaret Shook, Chi Epsilon member and Chair of the Blarney Breakfast.

Don has over 45 years in radio and worked for KEYN, KAKZ, KKR, KZSN and then back to KEYN, where he does the morning show with his co-host Barbara Baan. When Don is not working, you can find him at a WSU Basketball game or at a Wichita Force Football game. On behalf of Rainbows, thank you for your support.

Betty Graham Retires



Betty joined Rainbows in August 1993 in her role over HR. She helped build the department and made it one of not only protecting the Agency but of supporting our staff.

She helped Rainbows bring on an Employee Assistance Program and has guided a number of employees through professional and personal challenges.

With her commitment and direction, staff dramatically reduced our work comp accidents, and therefore, our insurance rates decreased significantly.

Join us in thanking her for her more than 23 years of service to Rainbows and congratulating her on her new adventures. Thursday, March 30 at Aloft Hotel, 3642 North Oliver, just north of Kids' Point from 5 - 7 p.m.

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