



RAINBOWS
bringing potential to life

The Canvas

Seeing the unseen in every Rainbows' child.

Every gift is meaningful, support *The Little Things Campaign*



Deb Voth, President

Rainbows recently mailed the second letter of our Annual Campaign for Fiscal Year 2016. The goal for this year's Campaign is \$125,000 which is a little over 12% of Rainbows' annual fundraising goal of \$1,005,000. We are closer than ever to meeting this major goal.

Did you know that, according to National Center for Charitable Statistics, the largest source of charitable giving comes from individuals? In 2014, \$258.51 billion or 72% of total giving came from individuals. Foundations gave \$53.97 billion or 15%; bequests made up 8% of the giving totaling \$28.13 billion; and corporations gave \$17.77 billion or 5% in 2014. I used to think that my gift was insignificant to the larger gifts of corporations or foundations. While the individual gift may be smaller, when wrapped up with many other individuals, we can make an impressive impact collectively. No gift is too small. At Rainbows we ask that individuals make a financial gift that is meaningful to them.

One of the great things about individuals giving to an Annual Campaign is that you do not need to attend an event. You will not

receive some trinket for which you may have no use. You will, however, receive a big thank you for "purchasing" services for a child in need of therapy. You will be lending a hand to a family who needs supports to help their child with special needs grow developmentally and emotionally, and function more independently.

The Campaign material features Beckett and his family. Beckett's story is one that is representative of so many others served by Rainbows. Beckett's mother Mandy credits Beth, Speech/Language Pathologist, at Rainbows for his speech improvements and facial muscle strength development. Mandy also credits Beth for helping Mandy navigate a complex process of finally obtaining the correct diagnosis for Beckett. Beth is there to encourage not only Beckett but his mother as well. For more on Beckett, you can go to Rainbows website at RainbowsUnited.org and choose donate. There is also a link to a video of Beckett playing and laughing with his family on that page.

For Rainbows' children and families,

Deb, President

Mental Health Services and Support Available

The Mental Health program at Rainbows United was created to enhance the social, emotional and behavioral development of young children. Currently, Rainbows' Mental Health team is made up of 11 professionals who work throughout Sedgwick County in early education centers and family homes as they support children and the adults who care for them.

On the Mental Health team are 7 professionals who are licensed to provide therapeutic interventions to children with delays in social / emotional skills, children who have trouble with regulating to new situations, children whose behavior is disruptive to the classroom or home, and many other situations where children and their care givers struggle.

A child is identified for Mental Health services because a parent or teacher has a concern that the child is struggling to maintain behavior that is developmentally appropriate and so they ask for the child to be assessed. It is common for both parent and teacher to see the same negative behavior in a child and share

concerns and desire for support.

However, sometimes parents see issues at home that a teacher does not see in the classroom. In that situation, there are Specialists on the Rainbows team who can provide direct support to parents to help guide them in ways to bring out the behavior they desire in their child. Sometimes, teachers see disruptive behaviors when parents never see the behavior at home. In that situation, if the parent consents to the support, we have Specialists who can go into an early childhood classroom to provide support to teachers to help guide them in ways to bring out the behavior they desire in the classroom.

Each year, Rainbows' Mental Health team provides mental health screenings to about 750 children and individual intervention to over 450 children. If you have questions about early childhood mental health or wish to have your child screened, call 316.558.3420. We can help you.



5TH ANNUAL
GLOW RUN/WALK EVENT

YOU GLOW THEY GROW

SUPPORTING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

RAINBOWS
United Charitable Foundation



The 5th Annual Rainbows' GLOW Run | Walk raised \$16,400 with 530 participants and 150 volunteers.

Breaking the mold: LOVE Wichita

Each year since its inception, Rainbows has been the beneficiary of volunteer groups through LOVE Wichita. On Saturday, April 30, 2016, volunteers from Holy Cross Lutheran Church spent their morning beautifying our Kids' Point location. They brought over 20 participants of all ages, good attitudes, and lots of mulch! They worked diligently pulling weeds, spreading mulch, planting flowers, and trimming trees.

This year, Rainbows submitted some special project requests for our playground space. Holy Cross was able to fund and build an outdoor Music Wall for Rainbows' children. This will be a fun addition our kids are sure to love! Thank you for your generosity.



Donor profile



Through the generous support of the Lattner Family Foundation, Rainbows has enhanced our Family Support Services by hiring a Master's Level Mental Health Specialist to provide consultation and support to manage the behavior of school-age children and youth with Intellectual and/or Developmental Disability.

"Due to the work of our Master's Level Mental Health Specialist, our Family Support staff have good, solid plans in place to provide guidance on positive prevention strategies for youth," said Lindsay Coffee, Family Support Services Coordinator.

Family members, along with Rainbows staff, are learning new ways to encourage positive behaviors in children. Thank you Lattner Family Foundation for impacting the lives of children with disabilities.

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