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Letter from the President:



Nearly one in four caregivers say the emotional and mental strain of supporting an individual with special needs is the most difficult part. A KU study

last fall found that half of respondents had to take time off work to provide care, with 25% taking unpaid leave.

I remember those challenges when our family was young—trading vacation days to cover school in-service days and scrambling for summer childcare. Finding Rainbows’ Family Support Services (FSS), now including Camp Woodchuck, was a relief.

Rainbows’ FSS offers in-home support outside school hours, in the evenings, or on weekends. Our trained staff assist with daily routines like meals, bathing, and bus drop-offs. Last year, we served 152 families—but this specialized care comes at a cost.

Philanthropy fuels this support. Imagine harnessing generosity in one place—it would look like Rainbows.

As we celebrate 50 years of Blarney Breakfast, I ask you to honor someone special with a Shamrock Sponsorship. Your

\$500 donation will bring relief to a family caring for a child with special needs.

Join us on 3.17.25—wear your green and make a difference!

Rachel Banning, President

A Partnership That Changes Lives: Rainbows and PHP

At Rainbows, we are privileged to walk alongside families raising children with disabilities, providing essential therapies, education, and support to help every child reach their full potential. This work would not be possible without the generosity and commitment of community partners like Prochaska, Howell & Prochaska, who share our vision of a world where all children, regardless of ability, have the opportunity to thrive.

PHP, a law firm with a long history of standing beside families facing unexpected challenges has supported Rainbows by helping purchase a much-needed gait trainer—an incredible tool that allows young children receiving therapy to strengthen their leg muscles and learn the motions of walking. “Many young children have learned to walk using gait trainers over the years,” said Lindsay Kral, Vice President of Programs and Services. “It is an important piece of equipment for our early intervention team.” Their investment in this critical equipment has given countless children the opportunity to take their first steps—something every parent dreams of for their child.

Recently, a team from PHP visited Rainbows’ Kids’ Point to see firsthand the impact of our programs and to deepen their understanding of the challenges families face when caring for a child with extra needs. Their visit reinforced a shared commitment to supporting families in our community. “Many families we’ve represented



Dottie learns to walk using the gait trainer at Kids' Point.

turn to Rainbows for continued care after a birth injury, making this partnership especially meaningful,” said Ryan Prochaska, Partner at PHP.

At Rainbows, we know that families need support long after the initial diagnosis or injury. That’s why we are grateful for partners like PHP, who recognize the ongoing journey these families face. “It is with great

Hatchett Devlin Gives Back



Hatchett Devlin Automotive Group chooses a local organization for their Season of Giving event. During the holiday season (mid-November through December 31, 2024) a portion of all vehicles sold at Hatchett Buick GMC, Hatchett Hyundai East & West and Genesis of Wichita go towards the Season of Giving.

Scott Hatchett, President of Hatchett Devlin says, “we believe in supporting local organizations that impact children and families. We are excited to present Rainbows United with this gift as we know they will use it to further assist children in Wichita.”

For 2024, Hatchett chose Rainbows United to be the recipient and presented a check of \$56,000 to Rachel Banning, president with Scott Hatchett holding check. Board members Megan Reichenburger, Gary Proffitt, Steve Cox, Hale Ritchie and Gail Johnson complete the group. Thank you, Hatchett Devlin, for your heartfelt dedication to Rainbows’ kids!

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pleasure that I can truly say Rainbows has been, and continues to be, an essential part of the guidance I have been able to provide parents to assist them and their injured child,” said Jim Howell, Partner at PHP.

To PHP, thank you for your unwavering support of the more than 4,000 children and families we serve each year. Your generosity and commitment help us continue our Mission of bringing hope, strength, and opportunity to children of all abilities. We are grateful for your partnership and look forward to the continued impact we can make together.