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WSU Engineers Without Borders brought fun volcano experiments to Kids' Point to share with the children.

Letter from the President: Our newest Board Member



We are delighted to welcome Megan Reichenberger to our Board of Directors!

Megan and her family share a deep personal connection to our

Mission, as she is the proud parent of three children who benefited from Rainbows' Early Care and Education program. Rainbows' has fueled her passion for advocating for inclusive opportunities and meaningful support for every child we serve. Megan has witnessed the profound and lasting impact of compassion on both neurotypical and neurodivergent learners, strengthening her commitment to our cause.

In addition to her personal experience, Megan brings extensive professional expertise in accounting and business, strengthening Rainbows' ability to create a lasting impact. Her dedication and vision align seamlessly with our mission, and we are eager to benefit from her insight and leadership.



Megan Reichenberger

Please join us in warmly welcoming Megan to our board!

Rachel Banning

Rachel Banning, President

Fashion Passion Chairs: Cynthia and Will Cross

Will and I are very honored to be chairing the upcoming Fashion Passion. Rainbows holds a very special place in my heart because of the blessings it provides to so many families in need. I grew up with a double cousin (our moms were sisters and dads were brothers) who is 49 and living her best life with Down syndrome.

She brings so much love, joy, and perspective to our lives that I want to give back any way I can to help others in need and maybe provide a little softer landing or a few more laughs to their lives. We are proud to be part of making a small difference in our community and world.



Blarney Breakfast Celebrates 50 years

Rainbows' beloved Wichita tradition reached a major milestone this year as the 50th Annual Blarney Breakfast brought the community together on Monday, March 17, 2025, for a morning of Irish cheer—all for a great cause.

The event, held at Old Chicago East, raised over \$85,000 to support Rainbows United's Family Support Services, including Camp Woodchuck, our summer program for children and young adults with special needs.

This year's festivities expanded with the SCHEELS Parking Lot Party, offering games, giveaways, and live music from Audacy Wichita.



Torrie Koehler and her daughters enjoyed the event while KAKE personalities Jay Prater and Pilar Pedraza said the event is one of their favorites.

A record-breaking 1,300+ tickets were sold in advance of the event. To commemorate the occasion, the first 500 dine-in guests received a limited-edition 50th Anniversary mug courtesy of Tyler Herndon, CFP® of Sabre-Wealth. Younger attendees got a Lil-Leprechaun Cup provided by Cox.

Celebrity coffee pourers included: Jay Prater, Abby Wray, Jeff Jamison, Chuck Passannante, Sean Tarbell and Stephanie McCurdy. Sean Tarbell and Big Al with Davis Moore Auto Group continue as the reigning Celebrity Coffee Tipping Competition Champions raising \$2,056.

The Pot of Gold 50/50 raffle raised \$2,100 with half the pot going to Denise Van Dorn of Mulvane. Special thanks to our sponsors and more than 70 volunteers who made the event a success.

It's a Good Life



Wichita Wagonmasters, thank you for awarding Rainbows your generous \$1,000 Good Life Grant. We are honored to be selected as one of the recipients, and your support will extend camp hours at Camp Woodchuck, opening life-changing opportunities for our children with special needs.

Additionally, we are grateful to the Wichita Wagonmasters for generously offering their time and talents to grill up delicious pancakes for Rainbows United's 50th Annual Blarney Breakfast!

Their dedication to making Wichita a better place to live shines through in everything they do, and we are thrilled to have them on board for this special event. Tyler Herndon, a Wagonmaster, shared, "The Wagonmasters' mission to help improve Wichita and make it a better place to live aligns perfectly with Rainbows' mission of serving children with special needs and their families. We are excited to partner together in a way that strengthens our entire community."

These donations ensure our campers receive the individualized care and enriching experiences they deserve. We deeply appreciate your commitment and the community impact you make.

