

THANK YOU NOTES

written just for you



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From the desk of Lisa Capps, Vice President of Philanthropy

Welcome to Thank You Notes

I've heard it said that communication is the essence of appreciation. Thank You Notes is our way of staying connected and celebrating the difference you make in the lives of our clients. It's written just for you because your support deserves to be acknowledged, felt, and celebrated. Every story we are able to tell begins with the gifts you share. Each story Rainbows United tells exists because of you.



A Day in the Life

A huge warm welcome to Olivia Duran and her students. Oh, what a big day it was. On September 22, **Rainbows Academy** opened its pint-sized pony door (if you know, you know) on a new preschool classroom for 2- to 4-year-olds. Miss Olivia has a degree in elementary education and taught in the Wichita Public School System for three years before joining our Rainbows team. We thank everyone who helped **Kids' Point** transition from a childcare and early education center to a Preschool and Pre-K Readiness Academy. It would not have been possible without your belief in this vision and your generous support.

Out-Standing In Wichita

The kindness of our supporters takes different forms. We love celebrating all that you do for Rainbows! To this point, we thank the good people at 6 Meridian, a Wichita investment house, for its gift of Day Passes to Tanganyika Wildlife Park to benefit Rainbows' families and staff. It's a special treat for us to offer a well-deserved break from the everyday routines to the families we serve and to the dedicated staff who work tirelessly for Rainbows' families. Tanganyika Wildlife Park is an amazing setting located outside Goddard. We thank 6th Meridian for its gift!

Monthly Screenings Provide Early Intervention

A project of the Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council, which includes Rainbows, Connecting Point, offers monthly screenings for parents or caregivers who are concerned about how a child is doing developmentally. We screen in the areas of development, hearing, vision, speech/language,

and behavior. In August, 44 children received screenings, and by the time this newsletter went to print, 24 children were screened in September. Parents and caregivers are provided with community resource information if an evaluation or services are needed. Screenings can also bring peace of mind that each child is unique, and children develop at their own pace. Your commitment to Rainbows helps bring early intervention and peace of mind to parents in our community.

Subaru's Share the Love Event

Subaru of Wichita has selected Rainbows United and Wichita's Littlest Heroes as their Hometown Charities for its 2025 Share the Love Event. Subaru will make a donation for every vehicle sold from November 20 to January 2. Since 2014, along with Subaru, Mark Morris and his team have donated \$237,863 to their Hometown Charity partners. Mark and his team at Subaru are tremendous supporters of Rainbows, year-round. They volunteer their time, sponsor events like Graduation Day, and even provide water and popcorn for Camp Woodchuck activities. Thanks for sharing your love with us, Subaru! You make Wichita a better place to work and live.

November is Busy

Mark your calendars for November 15 when Tap N Paddles will host the inaugural Pickleball for Rainbows Tournament. More than 80 players, families, and fans will enjoy a fun day on the court, all to benefit Rainbows. Scan the QR or visit bit.ly/rainbowspickleball to register a team for \$75 per player or simply come out and watch the fun. Tournament play begins at 8 a.m.

Sponsorships are available if you'd like a simple way to support Rainbows' mission to enhance the lives of children with special needs and their families by bringing together community resources and providing customized services.

Give Danae Hobbs a quick call at 316-249-4132, and she'll be happy to get you signed up.

Thank you, Tap N Paddles, we think you're kind of a Big Dill!

A purple rectangular poster for the 'Pickleball for Rainbows' tournament. At the top, it says 'PICKLEBALL FOR RAINBOWS' in white, with a small pickleball icon and the tagline 'empowering children and families'. Below this, it says 'TapNPaddles' and 'Saturday, November 15'. Further down, it says 'Tournament Starts 8 a.m.'. At the bottom, there is a black button that says 'REGISTER TODAY!' in white, next to a QR code.

We are Grateful

Thank You Notes is our way of saying thank you. For believing in our mission. For showing up with compassion. And for making a difference in the lives of children and their families. We are truly grateful for your kindness and honored to call you a friend of Rainbows United.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'S.S.' or similar.

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