

THANK YOU NOTES

written just for you



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From the desk of Lisa Capps, Vice President of Development

Welcome back to Thank You Notes! A way for us to stay connected and celebrate the difference you're making. It's written just for you because your support deserves to be seen, felt, and celebrated. Every story starts with the amazing things you help happen and the gifts you share. Every story here exists because of you.

When Grace was born, it became clear: she had no eyes.

Florence remembers the pain vividly. She was unsure and afraid. She didn't know how to care for her beautiful baby girl. But that all changed when she met Sandra, Grace's occupational therapist from Rainbows. Sandra was her source of hope.

Sandra works with Grace every week. She started by teaching Grace where her body starts and where other people begin. Now, at 3 months old, Grace has reached her first milestones, she no longer startles when her parents help her roll over or cuddle her! Through Sandra, Rainbows' services have brought hope to a time that once felt overwhelming to Florence and her family.



To other mothers whose children need extra help, Florence has a message,

"You are not alone. Rainbows will come beside you and show you how to care for your baby. There is always something you can do—and Rainbows wants to help." Scan to meet Grace and her family. She is gorgeous!

In our backyard

I'm surprised that others are surprised by this. Rainbows is not national. We are a local non-profit. It's true! The important work being carried out by our amazing, talented staff is done right here in our own backyard, making the Wichita area a better place to live for children and families. Here's what that means by the numbers in 2024:

- ✓ 4,066 children received Rainbows' services
- ✓ 3,275 children were screened or evaluated
- ✓ 2,281 children received extra help at home
- ✓ 1,660 children received Rainbows' therapies in the community
- ✓ 78 children attended a Rainbows' center

If Rainbows being a local non-profit didn't surprise you, this just might. Almost all services families receive from Rainbows are provided at no cost. That's right - any parent with a concern about the development of their child can simply call Rainbows and ask for a free screening. Here's the number. 316-267-3535. In part, this is possible because you are part of the Rainbows story.

Behind the scenes: A day in the life

Ready for your hug? We captured some deliciously decadent moments in the garden and couldn't wait to share them with you. Pure joy, right?



What's next?

If you have a gamer, XP League has organized a fundraiser for Rainbows! XP League is offering a safe, social gaming experience. Just \$35. Half the event proceeds will be donated to Rainbows. The event will have organized play, competitions (just friendly) and the chance to team up (again, friendly!) Even pizza. For everyone 7 to 17 years. Friday, Sept 19, from 6 – 9 pm. Sign up at xpleague.com/kansas-wichita-nw/events.

Good luck to the gamers and thank you XPLLeague!

Thank You Notes is our way of saying just that—thank you. For believing in our mission. For showing up. And for making a difference.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'S.S.' in a stylized, cursive font.

Rainbows United, Inc. enhances the lives of children with special needs and their families by bringing together community resources and providing customized services.

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