

March 2020



The Canvas

Letter from the President



The 45th year of Rainbows' **Blarney Breakfast is Tuesday, March 17, 6 to 9:30 a.m.**, at Old Chicago East. How amazing is that! The **Chi Epsilon Sorority** members host this event

in order to support services at Rainbows United! They are an outstanding group of ladies who are committed to the event and what Rainbows does to help children and families in our community.

The program service we feature for Blarney Breakfast is **Targeted Case Management** or TCM. When we explain what TCM is, we say that it provides personal assistance in finding and securing the programs, services, and financial aid for children, birth through age 17, with special needs and their families. In other words, we walk alongside families as they navigate the multiple systems and funding sources while helping connect families to critical resources for their child or children with special needs.

For these families, coordination of the systems and resources can be a full time job. **The targeted case manager is a critical link for families.** Some of the items that a TCM can help families secure funding for include wheelchairs, van modifications, technology such as iPads, home modifications such as a ramp, bathroom remodel, or "lift" system in order to safely

move their child. It may be funding for a summer Camp so families can work or gas money in order to travel to a specialist out of the area. A targeted case manager also attends meetings with the families if they request help in advocating and understanding the many systems that impact children with special needs.

Rainbows is the only agency in the Greater Wichita area that provides TCM exclusively to children. **We recognize that working with children and families is our specialty** so we focus our work for this population.

Funding for Targeted Case Management consists of Medicaid, United Way of the Plains, and fundraising through donations, and of course the Blarney Breakfast. Also, through the funds generated at Blarney Breakfast we are able to purchase some much needed items for the children and families we serve.

By attending the Blarney Breakfast, you not only have a great and crazy time, **you are also helping the more than 530 children we serve through Rainbows, Target Case Management program.** Come join the fun on March 17th!

Thank you,

Deb Voth, President

Giving to Rainbows' Charitable Foundation Supports Rainbows' Future

A longtime supporter of children with special needs and their families, Helen Healy spent over twenty years on the Rainbows United Board of Directors. She now remains actively involved as a volunteer and member of the Rainbows United Charitable Foundation Board. Helen and her husband, Ed, believe strongly in giving back to the community since they see the difference that it makes.



That eye on future needs is what motivates Helen to give **to the Rainbows United Charitable Foundation, as well as the regular Rainbows operating fund.** By structuring her gift in this way, Helen sees to it that she is accomplishing two equally important goals. First, she is equipping current families to thrive and children to unlock their potential. Secondly, she is ensuring that future children families will have a place to turn when they are in need of services.



Osbaldo

"I had never heard of Autism when Osbaldo was diagnosed. I have felt so blessed to have such wonderful support and hope that my experience can help other families who are going through the same thing,"

-Erika, Osbaldo's Mother

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- Old Chicago East
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BLARNEY PARTNERS

Children served
by age in FY19

Targeted Case
Management (0-21)

539

Infant/Toddler
Services
Sedgwick County (0-3)

1,880

Infant/Toddler
Services
Butler County (0-3)

269

Mental Health
Services (0-5)

475

Autism Services (0-8)

20

Child Care and
Preschool (0-5)

86

Community Based
Education/ Training
Services (3-5)

104

Specialized
Foster Care (0-21)

17

Family Support
Services (5+)

249