



**The Canvas**  
November 2021

## Letter from the President



"The 10:15+ Club" at Rainbows' honors and recognizes staff members who have been with Rainbows for 10 years or more. In 2021, the 10:15+ Club had a total of

53 members! Each year, on October 15 (10/15) Club members gather together, arriving at 10:15 a.m., to enjoy a day of camaraderie and celebration.

This event is sponsored by the Rainbows' Board of Directors, because they understand the value of having employees with expertise and years of experience. Our Directors love recognizing the commitment of our staff.

This year, Club members traveled to Derby and the Hubbard Arts Center. This little-known gem was the perfect spot to gather, laugh,

eat and have fun learning pottery, barn quilt painting, paint pouring and cooking using restaurant copycat recipes. Art Director Aimee Geist said, "We enjoyed meeting Rainbows' employees and the opportunity to celebrate their hard work and accomplishments with them!" The highlight of the day is the Awards Ceremony where staff are honored for milestone achievements. Congratulations to the following staff who were honored this year!

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### 10 Years Honorees

Karis Sparks  
Michael Tatro

### 15 Year Honorees

Michelle Eastman  
Gladys Miller

### 20 Year Honorees

Peggy Burns  
Joanna Wiebe

### 25 Year Honoree

Leslie English

### 30 Year Honoree

Luffe Begum

### 40 Year Honoree

Debbie Mai

## Help Children Today

Thank you for meeting the needs of more than 4,050 children with special needs and their families through the Annual Campaign.

Rainbows programs continue to move forward providing vital services to children birth through age 21.



In fact, 1,554 new children received a Rainbows' service so far in 2021.

Your gift brings hope and answers to families in the middle of crisis, helping them succeed and find strength.

Mail your gift to  
Rainbows United, Inc.  
3223 North Oliver Avenue  
Wichita, KS 67220  
or give online by scanning:



## Volunteers give time to event success

"Welcome to Peter Hampel's Luau!" "May I help you with that?" "The courtyard is right around the corner, just follow me." Volunteers are essential to the success of any event. This year 22 volunteers from the Wichita Academy of Pharmacists, Capitol Federal, Enterprise Holdings, Air Force National Guard and Hampel Oil helped at Peter Hampel's Luau. Thank you! We couldn't do it without you.



# InterHab Outstanding Youth Award



Congratulations to Rainbows' youth, Stormy Endevoets. Stormy was awarded the 2021 Outstanding Youth Award at this year's InterHab Art and Awards event. Stormy was awarded winning wind chime artwork by Tyler Moore, also served through Rainbows.

Stormy has come a long way in learning to control her immediate reaction to those around her and appropriately communicating her needs. She now has typical relationships with her peers and is no longer aggressive. She uses the microwave and does household chores. This summer she participated in dance classes for the first time.

Stormy, we're so proud of you!

## United Way Employee Campaign

In August, Rainbows launched our United Way Employee Campaign to help raise needed funds for our community and surrounding areas. The



virtual campaign lasted 10 weeks and employees at all levels participated. "We exceeded our campaign goal and are so proud of our staff for taking on the challenge to impact others by giving to the United Way," said Angela Kessler, Vice President of Development.

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## Charitable Contributions using Qualified Charitable Deduction

Did you know if you are 70 1/2 or older, you can have a check sent from your IRA directly to Rainbows United and never pay federal or state income taxes on those dollars. Using the Qualified Charitable Deduction, or QCD can benefit both you and Rainbows United.

Contact your IRA administrator to ask for their process to write a check to Rainbows out of your account. It's usually an easy form, sometimes simply an online form.

For those age 72 and up, the QCD can also be used as part or all your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) to reduce your taxable income.

The key QCD provisions include: 1) You must be at least 70 1/2 at the time of the gift; 2) The gift must be received by the nonprofit by December 31st; 3) The gift must be sent directly by the IRA administrator to the nonprofit; and 4) The annual QCD maximum is \$100,000.

Be sure to talk to your financial planner today about how QCD can work for your charitable giving. Rainbows is not engaged in rendering legal or tax advice. Legal counsel or advice from a certified financial planner should be sought when considering giving options.

