

The Canvas

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Letter from the President



President, Deb Voth

As many of you know, in early January, I announced my retirement after 29 years of serving children with special needs and their families through Rainbows' services. My last day is July 1, 2022.

After a thorough search for Rainbows United's next leader, our Board of Directors has selected Gay Kimble as the next President.

Gay has served as Vice President of Human Resources since January 2019. She helped lead Rainbows through the COVID-19 pandemic, helping to ensure the health of children, families, and staff along

with the focus of continuing to serve children and families during the difficult time. A member of our executive leadership team since joining Rainbows, Gay has been a strong advocate for our staff and collaborating with others to implement the Agency's strategic plan.

"After an extensive selection process, Gay was the clear choice for a variety of reasons, including her commitment to the Rainbows United mission and dedication to continuing to provide quality services to children with special needs and their families," said Jim Walters, Rainbows United Board Chair.

"Gay's leadership the last few

years in furthering to support and strengthen a positive agency culture was another example of her understanding and continuing the mission by supporting our great staff. We look forward to a bright future for Rainbows with this seasoned professional taking the lead."

Gay has a great business sense, along with leadership and human resource experience. This makes her a great fit for Rainbows. She is uniquely skilled to take Rainbows' children, families and staff into the future. I have full confidence Rainbows will continue to be a thriving leader in the industry.

Deb

349th Air Refueling Squadron volunteers inspire children

Jana Day, Honorary Commander of the 349th Air Refueling Squadron, owner of Dunkin' franchises and good friend of Rainbows, facilitated a relationship between the Airmen and Rainbows that has led to new experiences for both active duty military personnel and Rainbows' children. Dedicated Airmen far from home serving at McConnell Air Force Base come to Rainbows dressed in their fatigues and interact with the children through play.

When it was explained to 2 year old Hollie that Lieutenant Colonel Maureen Tanner was the Commander of the 349th Air Refueling Squadron, and that she could also one day be a leader like her, a serious expression crossed Hollie's face and she said, "Oh, yes."



Remember Sophia? Your Support Matters



Thank you for meeting the needs of more than 4,234 children with special needs and their families. Rainbows has been providing vital services to children birth through age 21 for the last 50 years. **In fact, Rainbows has served more than 62,000 children over our 50 years, including Sophia.**

Remember the curly-haired girl with the winning smile? "Sophia was asked to leave her original daycare at age 2 because she required too much care," said Kim, her mother. **"Rainbows will always be special to us.** It is where we first learned of our child's challenges and where we were first supported on her developmental journey. We are so grateful to have Rainbows in our community. We know they have given Sophia (and us) a solid foundation to grow."

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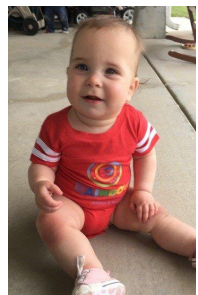
Sophia had a strong foundation of not only services but love and support from Rainbows. While she still receives many services through her specialized plan at school, Sophia, now 10 years old, is learning to read, do math and make friends.

Your gift brings hope and answers to families in the middle of a crisis, helping them succeed and find strength. **Families are counting on you to help raise \$100,000 by June 30, 2022.**

Your support matters.

Birthday RainbowsWear Now Available

Celebrate Rainbows 50th Birthday with one-of-a-kind polos, button downs,



baseball tees and caps with the 50th Birthday logo on them for the whole family. The baseball tees are also available in youth sizes and even the little ones can party in Rainbows' onesies.

Samples are available to see and try on in the Kids' Point lobby. Go to RainbowsUnited.org/shop to see more options and place your order!

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