

# The Canvas

August 2022



## Letter from the President



President, Gay Kimble

The party continues! The Keeper on Parade unveiling was a wonderful celebration with many friends attending – children served past and present, Rainbows' staff and Board members, Chamber representatives, and community partners. The Keeper on Parade represents our appreciation to our local community for their support over the last 50 years.

Since the unveiling a continuous stream of visitors have been stopping by our beautiful campus to see the new addition. My office window looks out on the Keeper and I especially enjoy seeing the kids visiting and getting their picture taken. As I was leaving campus one day on a field

trip and sitting next to a 3-year-old on the bus, I pointed out our Keeper and asked him if he liked it. Jack nodded and replied, "It's my Keeper too." His words touched my heart and is exactly how we see this new addition – it's for all of us to enjoy.

Thank you to our Communications Committee for spearheading this project, to our amazing artist Delilah Reed for sharing her gifts, and to Koch for their generosity in supporting this project.

We are grateful each day for your ongoing support of our programs and hope you will stop by soon to see our Keeper.

Gay Kimble, President

## Journey of Hope - The Ability Experience

The Ability Experience is the philanthropic initiative of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. Each year, more than 100 men embark on a cross-country trip to test their limits, spread awareness, and celebrate the abilities of all people. This year, these men celebrated Camp Woodchuck youth and Kids' Point children with an afternoon of waterplay, before presenting Rainbows with a \$500 donation.



## Keeper on Parade Unveiling



In honor of Rainbows' 50th Birthday, the Keeper on Parade was commissioned as a gift to the community. Sponsored by Koch, artist Delilah Reed created the design incorporating 50 special things representing Rainbows' children.

Keepers on Parade is a public art project proudly brought to you by Together Wichita. Ten feet tall fiberglass Keeper of the Plains replicas are painted, adorned and magically transformed by local artists.

To view a map of all Keeper on Parade locations, please visit <https://www.togetherwichita.com/keepers-on-parade>





**Ron Draper, President & CEO of Textron Aviation**, celebrated his birthday with a surprise visit from Rainbows' children and staff. Textron Aviation is a long-standing supporter of Rainbows and provided our staff the opportunity to celebrate Rainbows' 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday at a Wind Surge game. Thanks to Textron for all they do!



*Pictured left to right: Gene and Gay Kimble, Adriana and Paul Gray.*

**Paul Gray Homes** hosted an Open House of one of their model homes in July as a fundraiser for Rainbows. It was a lovely evening, and we are so thankful for their commitment to giving back to the community and for their support of Rainbows.

## Peter Hampel's Luau

When the Hampel family created the Peter Hampel's Luau, they never imagined it would evolve into the event it became. With the support of generous donors, partners, volunteers and attendees, the Luau has raised over **\$475,300** to provide vital funds for Rainbows' programs and services.

**Hampel Oil and Peter Hampel's Luau has been significant to the history of Rainbows United and although, as of 2022, the event will end, it will always hold a special place in our hearts.**

Rainbows is grateful for all the support we have received over the past 13 years,

and we are so appreciative of the support that Hampel Oil and the Hampel Family have committed to continue providing through sponsorship of other Rainbows' fundraising events, like Fashion Passion, as well as through their volunteerism for events and projects for the agency.



***Thank you to the Hampel Family and Hampel Oil!***



## Back to School Wishlist

Back to school season is in full swing, and for Rainbows United that means an ongoing need for items for programs like Connecting Point. Our Connecting Point team of professionals provides information and vital referrals and developmental screenings for young children. Adding donations to your school supply list is a simple way to support this vital community service.

**Here are a few items needed right now:**

- Stickers
- Crayons
- Coloring books
- Children's books
- Child size scissors
- 6-piece puzzles

To see our full Wish List, visit [RainbowsUnited.org/wishlist](https://RainbowsUnited.org/wishlist).

Interested in arranging a supply drive with your friends or coworkers? Email our Development Specialist at [kgenschorck@rui.org](mailto:kgenschorck@rui.org) for ideas and information.

Donations can be dropped at our 3223 N Oliver location from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Please call ahead at 316.267.5437.

## Board of Directors Welcomes Cynthia Cross

Rainbows is happy to welcome **Cynthia Cross** to our Board of Directors. Cynthia is Director of Sales for Cox Business where she has worked since 2007. A member of Junior League of Wichita, WICT (Women in Cable Telecommunications), Cox Diversity & Inclusion Kansas Market Lead, she is interested in fundraising and making a difference for the children of Rainbows. Cynthia is married to Will Cross; they have 3 children: Ashley, Tinsley and Austin. **Welcome Cynthia!**



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