

# The Canvas

September 2022



Passage 2 Success/WSU Office of Diversity and Inclusion is a weeklong program for incoming freshman from diverse backgrounds to help in their transition to Wichita State University. Community service project day is a great opportunity for students to learn more about the community and get their hands a bit dirty! Rainbows was happy to welcome them to Wichita and help with both the education and the dirty hands.

## Letter from the President



President, Gay Kimble

Our team recently gathered at Botanica for our annual All Staff meeting. It was a good morning including an educating message from one of our Board members, Claudia Amaro.

Claudia has an inspiring story to share about her journey from Mexico to Wichita, the challenges along the way, and the challenges that continue for the Latino community. We greatly appreciate Claudia's willingness to make a difference by sharing her story.

During All Staff we also reviewed our Rainbows' accomplishments over the past year. The list was long! I told our staff I recognized one thing – we are making a difference every day.

I enjoy the writings of Quint Studer. Quint is a healthcare leadership consultant, having worked in many healthcare settings across the country.

In his book, "Hardwiring Excellence," Quint says that what all individuals want is purpose, worthwhile work, and the ability to make a difference. And I believe Quint is dead on.

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***-Quint Studer***

I'm sharing this as you also make a difference for the children and families we serve. Your gifts provide staffing, equipment, and other needed resources, and without these gifts we wouldn't be able to continue this very worthwhile work.

***Thank you for making a difference for the children.*** We are honored to have you in our corner.

Gay Kimble, President

## Is your child reaching their developmental milestones?

### Screen for Success

A screening is a thorough way to gather information and evaluate the growth and development of your child. Screening stations generally include: development, hearing, vision, speech/language, health/nutrition and behavior.

Children will be screened by a professional that is knowledgeable in early childhood and overall results will be discussed with a caregiver. Each child will leave with a Kid Kit folder of community resources and basic developmental information as well as the results of the screening.

### Screening schedule:

September 16 & 22 | October 6 & 28  
November 4 & 10 | December 1 & 2

To talk with a professional about which assessment is right for your child or schedule an appointment call 316.267.3535.

## Special Thanks:

Thank you to Botanica for your partnership and welcoming Rainbows to your beautiful spaces for All Staff, playgroups, special events and more. Also, a special thank you to Dunkin' for providing coffee and donuts for All Staff, volunteer projects with McConnell AFB Airmen, Donuts with Dad and other events. You are so appreciated.

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# Thank you INTRUST Bank



Rainbows' children made a special visit to INTRUST Bank to deliver cookies and thank you cards for Bank employees. We are especially grateful for the tailgate party provided before the Wind Surge Birthday Celebration in June. Above Left: INTRUST Bank President Jay Smith talks with Nate Turner, age 3, about his special birthday sticker. Right: Teddy Pratt, age 3, and Gail Johnson enjoy a delicious cookie together.



## Rainbows Welcomes New Development Coordinator



In July, Rainbows welcomed **Vanessa Segura** to the role of Development Coordinator. Vanessa comes to Rainbows with a diverse experience in fundraising,

community engagement and event coordination. Vanessa was born and raised in Wichita and brings a vast knowledge of the community to her role.

"Understanding how my role can impact the children and families served by Rainbows has been so rewarding. I feel privileged to share our mission with others who want to invest in Rainbows through special events, sponsorship opportunities or partnerships," said Vanessa.

## Board of Directors Welcomes Adam Pogue and Claudia Yaujar-Amaro



Vice President of Defense and Space Operations for Spirit AeroSystems, **Adam Pogue** brings over 30 years of leadership, operations,

human resources, business development

and manufacturing services experience to Rainbows' Board of Directors.

A Kansas native and graduate of Friends University (both BS and MBA), Adam enjoys golf and exercise in his free time.

Adam is married to Stacey and they have 2 adult daughters, Alexis and Brooke.

*We're excited to have you on the Board.*



Rainbows is pleased to welcome **Claudia Yaujar-Amaro** to the Board of Directors. Claudia owns AB&C Bilingual Resources, LLC, a company focused on multicultural

and bilingual marketing. She founded Planeta Venus Online, an internet radio station in Spanish to inform the Latino community about local activities.

Claudia loves her Wichita community. Born in Mexico but growing up in the United States, makes her feel proud of both cultures. She is comfortable engaging and going from one culture to another and feels a responsibility to be the bridge between the two cultures she loves, integrating other cultures as well, to create one healthy community for everyone.

Claudia is married to Hector; they have an adult son, Yamil.

*Rainbows is honored to welcome her to the Board.*

## Planned Giving

Thinking about the future is important. A planned gift is a simple, smart way to leave a legacy of caring and commitment to vulnerable children in our community. This can mean including Rainbows in your estate plan, a gift of life insurance or other charitable tax planning options.

Visit [RainbowsUnited.org/plannedgiving](http://RainbowsUnited.org/plannedgiving) or contact Kelsi Hinshaw at 316.558.3414 or [khinshaw@rui.org](mailto:khinshaw@rui.org)

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