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# The Canvas

February 2023

## Letter from the President

It's a busy time in the Kansas State Legislature, with committees for the new session being formed and hot topics for the new session being identified. As always, Rainbows will be advocating for children with special needs. This year our primary focus will be championing an increase to the Targeted Case Management (TCM) reimbursement rate. This rate has not been increased since 2007 and is seriously underfunded.

TCM services play a critical role in helping children with special needs access services they so desperately need. You can imagine being a parent facing a diagnosis of an intellectual or developmental disability and trying to figure out how to best help your child while navigating a new-to-you, complex system of support.

We are the last agency in the State providing TCM services solely to children 0-18 years of age, and our financial investment in this program is significant. A statewide increase of \$3.5 million dollars is being requested and if funded, will

substantially strengthen Rainbows' ability to provide this program.

Lindsay Kral, our Vice President of Programs and Services, testified February 13 on behalf of the TCM rate increase with both the Senate Ways and Means Committee and the House Social Services Budget Committee. Thanks to Lindsay and to our legislative lobbyist, Gavin Kreidler, for their passion and leadership on this issue.



President, Gay Kimble (left) with Vice President of Programs and Services Lindsay Kral at the state capitol.

Stay tuned for more news from Topeka,

*Gay Kimble*  
Gay Kimble, President



## Share your home with a child in foster care.

For more information on being a Specialized Resource Family call 316.558.3439 or scan here:



Help provide a safe and loving environment crucial to a child's success!



## New Wichita Scheels team members volunteer



Team members from Wichita's new Scheels volunteered at Rainbows on Friday, January 6.  
Pictured above left to right: Christian Cramm, Tasha McKeever, Paige Van Deest, Nick Villar, Laban Massey.

## 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. Planned gifts come in many different forms and can mean leaving Rainbows in your estate plan, a gift of life insurance, or other charitable tax planning options. Planned gifts also come with many benefits to the donor such as tax savings for you and your heirs and the ability to support a charitable organization in a meaningful way without giving a large outright gift.

**To learn more about planned gifts, visit [Rainbowsunited.org/plannedgiving](https://rainbowsunited.org/plannedgiving) or contact the Development Office at 316.558.3482.**



**St. Patrick's Day**  
**Friday, March 17**  
6 - 9:30 a.m. | Old Chicago East

48th Annual  
**Blarney Breakfast**  
Dine In 🍀 Drive-Thru

**Buy Tickets at [RainbowsUnited.org](https://RainbowsUnited.org)**  
Ticket sales end March 12. No day-of ticket sales

**Buy Tickets**



**Adult: \$20 | Child \$10**  
(12 & UNDER)

**Enjoy Breakfast & Coffee**  
**Irish Dancers,**  
**Bagpipers & More!**

**Supply Drive Benefiting**  
**Camp Woodchuck**  
**February 17 - March 17**  
*For a list of supplies and drop off locations visit:*  
**[RainbowsUnited.org/supply-drive](https://RainbowsUnited.org/supply-drive)**





## Walking, Talking and Chasing His Sister

When 18-month-old Theo was not meeting his developmental milestones, his doctor at El Dorado Clinic referred the family to Rainbows. "Theo started walking about 3 months after he began working with Angela Pulaski, Early Interventionist Primary Coach and Physical Therapist," said Sarah, Theo's mother. "His vocabulary gradually increased from one to a couple of words and has exploded in the last couple of months."

**Scan the QR code above to continue reading Theo's story!**