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# The Canvas

March 2023



## Letter from the President

Spring is coming and things are lively at Rainbows. Blarney Breakfast is here - a wonderful, fun and celebratory fundraiser for Rainbows. ***The funds raised this year will support Camp Woodchuck, our summer camp for school-age kids with special needs.*** Families count on Camp Woodchuck in the summer when kids are out of school and cannot stay home by themselves. Camp gives parents peace of mind that their child is safe and well cared for as they work. It's an event the kids look forward to each year (as do we!) and includes many activities, including a fashion show, arts and crafts, a talent show, and a choir that performs for community businesses. We love Blarney Breakfast with our great volunteers and community sponsors, and we love Camp Woodchuck, so pairing the two is the perfect combination!

To make Camp Woodchuck happen we need to hire 25 additional full-time Direct



President Gay Kimble is presented with a painting by seasoned Camper, Seth Russell.

Support Professionals (DSPs). These are staff members who will work primarily one-on-one with our kids for the summer. If you are interested in summer work or know someone who is, we are accepting online applications on the careers page of our website. **We'd love to have you join our Camp Team!**

*Gay Kimble*

Gay Kimble, President

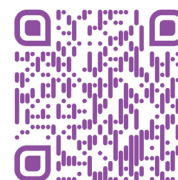
## "Rainbows changed my life," said Beatriz

When Lilly was diagnosed with Down Syndrome at birth, her doctor suggested her parents, Beatriz and Armando contact Rainbows. The family began receiving in-home services through Rainbows' Infant/Toddler Services program. "Rainbows changed my life," said Beatriz. "I learned a way to parent my child and it changed everything."

"Rainbows gave me hope," said Beatriz.  
***"They taught me how to help her grow***

***and how to dream with my daughter."***

Scan here to read more of Lilly's story:





## Teddy Bear Toss benefits Rainbows



The Wichita Jr. Thunder Hockey Team held a Teddy Bear Toss for Rainbows at their game versus the Kansas City Saints. The Thunder fans were joined by the Saints' fans in tossing 181 stuffed animals onto the ice for our



children and youth!

Members of the Wichita Jr. Thunder Hockey Team then delivered the teddy bears to our children in our Early Care and Education Program.



**The 48th Annual Blarney Breakfast raised a record-breaking \$72,500 for the children and families of Rainbows. Thank you!**



## Memorial Golf Tournament raises funds for Rainbows

On Sunday, October 2nd, **Mort's Martini and Cigar Bar** hosted the First Annual Matt Sheets Memorial Golf tournament to benefit Connecting Point, a program of Rainbows United, Inc.

A dinner, prepared by M&M Insurance, and an auction were held at Mort's following the tournament. Twenty-four teams participated, and \$18,000 was raised for Rainbows.

Children birth through age 5 will receive free developmental screenings and get connected to community resources through Screen for Success, a Connecting Point program.

**To schedule a free developmental screening, call 316.267.3535.**

## Spring Cleaning:

We are doing some spring cleaning of our Canvas newsletter. The Canvas is Rainbows' monthly newsletter that shares information on services, family stories and upcoming events. If you would like more information or would like to make any changes to your contact information, please email Kelsey "Billie" Genschorck at [kgenschorck@rui.org](mailto:kgenschorck@rui.org).