

# CARE for Children News

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## KIDS and CANCER BENEFIT HONORED WITH COMMUNITY CARE AWARD



*(Left-Right): Tyler R. Hannah, CARE board president and Tina M. Martin, CARE executive director present the 2023 Community CARE Award to Kids and Cancer Benefit at the annual meeting of the CARE Board of Directors. Accepting the award on behalf of the organization are board officers Laurie Ludwig, secretary; Casey Buckner, treasurer; Bill Black, president; and Dorie Meabon, 2nd vice president. Missing from the photo was Dave Monroe, 1st vice president.*

The CARE for Children Board of Directors honored the Kids and Cancer Benefit with the organization's Community CARE Award at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors on December 6, 2023.

"Tonight's award celebrates the Kids and Cancer Benefit and the many volunteers who make that organization so successful and such a driving force for good in our community," noted Mick Marshall, CARE board member. "We at CARE for Children have witnessed this generosity first-hand through their support of children in our program who have complex and costly medical needs that require extensive travel for medical treatment by providing gas cards for families. All of us at CARE are grateful for the work they do."

The Community CARE Awards were established by the Board of Directors in 2003 to recognize outstanding contributions to the agency and to the children and families to whom CARE provides services.

The annual meeting also focused on the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the 10th Anniversary of the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center, and recognition of staff members who had reached milestone years of service.

Tyler R. Hannah, CARE board president, provided a review of the fiscal year which had an overall theme of 'Growing with CARE.' He highlighted the organization's impact during the year, the growth of CARE programs and services, and in conclusion, he thanked his fellow board members, CARE staff members, volunteers, donors, and the community for "helping to make CARE what it is today and for investing in its growth for an outstanding tomorrow."

Greg Booth, chair of CARE's long-range planning committee, gave a special presentation on the progress and positive impact of the organization since the new center opened its doors in 2013. On a personal note, Booth remarked "My wife Cherie and I are pleased that the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center provides an enduring legacy for children of all abilities in memory of our beloved daughter Ashley, and it also helps CARE grow in services provided, children positively impacted, and the organization's stature as one of our community's outstanding non-profit organizations."

### Helping Kids Grow Since 1924

This year marks CARE for Children's 100th Anniversary of providing services in McKean County and the surrounding region.

This remarkable centennial will honor the many volunteers, donors, supporters, community partners, staff members, families and children who for one hundred years have been instrumental in the organization's remarkable growth and indelible impact on the communities we serve.

Please join us this year as we celebrate 100 years of CARE.



# CELEBRATING PEDESTRIAN SAFETY MONTH

October is Pedestrian Safety Month, and according to Safe Kids Worldwide, children are on average twice as likely to be hit by a car and killed on Halloween than on any other day. Unintentional pedestrian injuries are the fifth leading cause of injury-related death in the United States for children ages 5 to 19.



*Pictured right, CARE Board members Mick Marshall and Tyler Hannah visited Rainbow Corner Preschool in October and read Clifford Takes a Walk, by Norman Bridwell, a children's book about pedestrian safety. In the book, Clifford and his school friends learn how to walk safely.*

Marshall and Hannah also reinforced Halloween safety tips with the preschool students, including carrying glow sticks or flashlights; using reflective tape or stickers on costumes or bags; wearing light colors; walking on sidewalks or paths; and safely looking both ways before crossing a street.

Each preschool student, as well as students at the nearby Bradford Headstart location, received a Halloween safety tip sheet, a glow stick, and a copy of the book to take home and share with their families. CARE received the donation of Clifford Takes a Walk books from the Highway Safety Network.



## CNB BANK SUPPORTS PRE-K SCHOLARSHIPS

CNB Bank recently made contributions totaling \$15,500 to CARE for Children Rainbow Corner Preschool, designated for Pre-Kindergarten Scholarships. CNB Bank's contributions will help fund scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year.

Pre-Kindergarten scholarship contributions to CARE for Children's Rainbow Corner Preschool provide tuition to eligible students and make early learning more accessible and affordable for working families.

*Pictured left, Joseph Yaros, CNB Bank's Vice President of Commercial Banking in Bradford visits preschool students (front, left-right) Camiela Dawson, Sawyer Wilmoth, and Malachi Trotter; along with (back, center to right) Kimberly Engstrom, M.Ed., preschool director, and Alexis Close, M.Ed., preschool teacher.*

## HELP FOR CARE FAMILIES

Since July, CARE has fulfilled 72 special assistance requests positively impacting 74 active clients, 115 siblings, and 88 adults (includes some recurring families).

The program is supported by the Rotary Special Assistance Fund and helps CARE provide "little extras," help in emergency situations, and complete special projects for local children who receive therapy services from the organization or who have special health care needs. In the past, the fund has helped families with ramps, gas cards and hotel stays for medical visits/ hospital stays, medical supplies not covered by insurance, emergency food and clothing, holiday meals and gifts, and funeral expenses.

The Rotary Special Assistance Fund was established by the Rotary Club of Bradford. It is funded with a portion of each Rotarian's annual dues, private donations, grants, and an allocation from CARE's endowment fund. The fund is part of CARE's Community Outreach/ Family Support Services.

## STUDENTS CARE



*In October, DeAnn Persichini, COTA/L, CARE Occupational Therapy Assistant, accepted a check from the students at School Street Elementary School. In total, the Student Service League donated \$2,036 to CARE to benefit programs for school-based therapy students. Funds were raised by the students and staff at School Street and George G. Blaisdell Elementary School.*



## THERAPEUTIC RECREATION HIGHLIGHTS

CARE hosted a fun program at the Limestone YMCA Family Play Zone in November where children in attendance enjoyed climbing, jumping, and playing. The Fun Zone program was sponsored by the Bradford Eagle Riders FOE 2432.

*Top left: Keegan Wilson, age 8, and Robert Nortum, age 5, are pictured with Dana Pence, PT, CARE physical therapist, after racing down the inflatable slide and top right: Nortum and Jenna Hatch, age 6, enjoyed taking turns on the rolling ring.*

A sensory-friendly "Caring Santa" visited the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center in early December.

Families had a scheduled time to visit with Santa, each child received an age-appropriate developmental toy or art set, and cookies and hot chocolate were provided. Thank you to "Santa" Trevor Quick.

*Bottom: The Furman Family children (left to right), Wyatt, age 4, Freya, age 2, and Emerick, age 10, visited with Santa during the "Caring Santa" event.*

CARE's therapeutic recreation programs are funded in part by the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc.



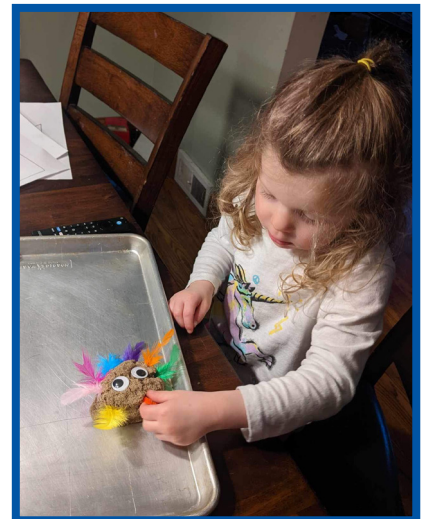
## Preschool Holds Online STEM Programs

### Rainbow Corner Preschool and Toddler Playgroup Registration for the 2024-2025 School Year

Preschool registration begins Monday, March 18, 2024 for new students.

Playgroup registration begins Wednesday, May 15, 2024 for new participants.

**Visit [www.careforchildren.info](http://www.careforchildren.info) for more information and registration forms. Tuition assistance and scholarships are available for qualified families.**



Rainbow Corner Preschool teachers offered a virtual, four week STEM Enrichment Program this fall in addition to what is regularly incorporated into the early learning curriculum. The Halloween and Thanksgiving themed programs focused on Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Mathematics.

*Top Right: Elias Schenfield, age 3, conducted a melting pumpkin science experiment which introduced simple chemistry through a baking soda and vinegar reaction. Top Right: Leah Ball, age 3, used fine motor skills to build a kinetic sand turkey.*

# CARE for Children Tribute Gifts

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September 1st, 2023 through January 31st, 2024

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September 1st, 2023 through January 31st, 2024

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