

Spring 2023

# CARE for Children

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# NEWS



## FOCUS ON WATER SAFETY FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

The focus was on Water Safety for the **Week of the Young Child (WOYC)** and the month of April. Safe Kids Pennsylvania-McKean County Partner collaborated with CARE for Children, Head Start, and the Intermediate Unit 9 to distribute packets of Water Safety information to program participants ages 5 and under. The packet included a water safety magnet, coloring sheet and parent information.

CARE for Children added a temperature safe duck, which helps ensure a comfortable bath temperature and prevents scalding, to the water safety packets for children who receive Early Intervention Services and/or attend the toddler developmental playgroup at CARE.

According to Safe Kids Worldwide, drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death among children between 1 and 4 years old, and it's the third leading cause of unintentional injury-related death among children 19 and under. Children less than a year old are more likely to drown at home in the bathtub or a bucket.

The educational materials remind parents to watch kids when they are in or around water, without being distracted; empty tubs, buckets, containers and kids' pools immediately after use; close lids and doors; install fences around home pools; and learn CPR and basic water rescue skills.



*Pictured above: CARE for Children Rainbow Corner Toddler Playgroup participants Greggie Buckner, age 3 and Deidre Kramer, age 3; along with safety ducks and preschool teacher Alexis Close, M.Ed., preschool teacher.*

*Pictured below: Rainbow Corner Preschool students (left-right) Cooper Stidd, age 4, Tycen McCammon, age 5, and Paisley Brien, age 5, enjoy a treat during the Week of the Young Child.*

## CELEBRATING OUR EARLY LEARNERS

The Week of the Young Child (April 1st through the 7th) is an annual event celebrating early learning, young children, their teachers, and families.

Rainbow Corner Preschool had some special, fun, themed activities to highlight the week including hands-on, collaborative activities encouraging movement and healthy lifestyles through music, food, and art. One of the days, the students enjoyed music by Jim Ronan. Preschool wrapped up the week with a day focused on art and food. Togi's Family Restaurant donated rigatoni, meatballs, and Italian bread for a preschool feast.



# SUPPORTING SAFE SLEEP



CARE for Children, lead agency for the McKean County Partnership of Safe Kids Pennsylvania, recently received Community Impact funding from the United Way of the Bradford Area in the fourth quarter of 2022, as well as donations from the Bradford Exchange Club and Doug and Lynne Kuntz, to purchase twenty Cribs for Kids® Safe Sleep Survival Kits to promote infant safe sleep.

CARE for Children operates the local McKean County Cribs for Kids® Program under the umbrella of the Safe Kids Pennsylvania-McKean County Partnership. Since 2018-2019, the McKean County Partnership has provided safe sleep education and distributed 62 Cribettes to date in McKean County.

Pictured (left-right) with a Cribette and Safe Sleep Survival Kit are Marcy Flickinger and Dan Woods, members of the Bradford Exchange Club; Sarah Lonzi, executive director of the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc.; and Lynne Kuntz, CARE for Children board member with her grandson Gavyn McCammon. Missing from the photo were Stoney Greenberg, Bradford Exchange Club president, and Doug Kuntz.

# WINTER RECREATION FUN!



*Pictured clockwise: CARE's Adaptive Ski Outing, held in February at Holiday Valley, was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Port Allegany and funded in part by the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc.*

*Top left: Kamdon Rowe, age 8, received expert instruction from volunteer Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program instructors on the bunny slope.*

*Top Right: Natalie Grimes, age 12, along with a volunteer Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program instructor, took a fun trip down the slope with a sit-skier.*

*The bowling event, held in March at Byllye Lanes, was funded in part by the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc. Special thanks to Coach Tina Phillips and members of the Pitt-Bradford Softball Team for volunteering at the event.*

*Bottom Left: CARE Kids Keegan Wilson, age 7, Jeremiah McFadden, age 8, and Aiden Robinson, age 12, posed with members of the Pitt-Bradford Softball Team.*

*Bottom Right: Nick Barker, age 16, was focused on getting a strike.*



**Elizabeth Childs, M.S., CCC-SLP**

Elizabeth Childs, M.S., CCC-SLP began working at CARE in January 2023 and provides speech and language therapy for the Early Intervention Birth to Three program in McKean County, as well as providing services to school-aged children in the Bradford Area School District.

Throughout her career, Elizabeth has worked in many different settings, including nursing homes, hospital, schools, Early Intervention, and an outpatient pediatric therapy setting. She has worked as a traveling therapist, as well as in long-term placements. She was most recently employed working with the geriatric population in a rehab and nursing home setting in Bradford. As much as she enjoyed this setting, Elizabeth was excited to again focus on providing services to the pediatric population.

Elizabeth received her Master of Communication Sciences and Disorders degree in 2005 and her Bachelors of Communication Sciences and Disorders degree in 2004 from Clarion University of Pennsylvania. She is also a member of the American Speech and Hearing Association. She resides in Bradford with her husband Jeremy and their two boys.

## CARE for CHILDREN 2023 ANNUAL FUND

In May 2023, CARE will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the completion of the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center. Little did the organization know that the project would be so successful; providing an enduring asset for the community and a remarkable springboard for organizational growth.

CARE has been able to add new and expand services, increase program quality, and attract and retain highly skilled, compassionate, professional staff because of steadfast and loyal donors. Please consider supporting this year's Annual Campaign which provides much needed funds for programs and services and gives CARE a strong foundation for future growth. And if you have already made your gift or pledge, thank you for your support!

To illustrate the positive impact of the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center, please note how CARE services have grown since the 2012-2013 Fiscal Year:

- Infants and toddlers receiving Early Intervention increased 53%.
- Early Intervention Sessions provided by teachers and therapists increased 87%.
- Students receiving therapy services increased 32%.
- School-based therapy sessions grew by 27%.
- Children and family members benefitting from Community Outreach Services, including Social Work, Special Assistance and Developmental Screenings, increased 24%.
- Children and family members who have been positively impacted by child safety and injury prevention initiatives grew by 25%.
- The annual operating budget increased by 83%.



***Donors who make an annual fund contribution or general gift, including in-kind gifts of goods and services, will be recognized in the Annual Report. Thank you for your generosity. If any mistakes or omissions occurred in the production of this newsletter please let us know so that we may apologize and correct the error.***

# CARE for Children Tribute Gifts

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February 1st through April 30th, 2023

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# MEMORIALS

February 1st through April 30th, 2023

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February 1st through April 30th, 2023

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February 1st through April 30th, 2023

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**CARE 'fore' Children 30th Annual Golf Tournament**  
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