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CARE NEWS

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OUTDOOR SPACES PROMOTE EARLY LEARNING

The addition of developed outdoor spaces at the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center have provided the early learning staff the ability to provide additional and enhanced learning opportunities for preschool students and toddler playgroup participants.

“The outdoor space has given the children an opportunity to learn and explore outside of the four walls of the preschool classroom,” according to Preschool Teacher Alexis Close, M.Ed. “I have noticed a huge improvement in behavior and attention when we sit for story time in the lodge or do hands-on crafts at the picnic tables. Over the summer, we were able to engage in nature scavenger hunts and remain outdoors as we talked about what we saw and heard.”

The playground with adaptive components was completed and dedicated in Spring of 2015. It includes traditional playground equipment as well as Ryan’s Rainbow Lodge (donated in memory of Ryan Moonan) which is an oversized playhouse that is used as a creative space for children to do arts and crafts or play house.

In the Summer of 2016, CARE was able to add raised garden beds that were provided through grant funds by the WalMart Foundation. Students learned about nutrition, how to plant and care for vegetables, varieties of vegetables, and where their vegetables come from.

“The outdoor spaces at CARE have made it possible for our students to learn about nature while growing and caring for a garden. They give us the ability to bring learning outside and demonstrate that learning can happen anywhere and not just inside a classroom,” said Preschool Director Kimberly Engstrom, M.Ed. “The children have been able to paint outside, explore ramps, participate in messy science experiments, and listen to stories while enjoying the fresh air in a safe environment.”

In the Fall of 2016, CARE with the help of the Graham Family, dedicated Lena’s Garden in memory of former executive director, Lena Graham Griffin. For more information and photos from the dedication of Lena’s Garden please visit www.careforchildren.info/building-campaign/.



Pictured, from top: Mother Goose reads to the preschoolers in Ryan’s Rainbow Lodge; Summer Day Campers love arts and crafts at the picnic tables; and Ms. Kimberly’s class reads “The Leaves are Falling” in Lena’s Garden adjacent to the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center.

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BOARD of DIRECTORS NAMES COMMUNITY CARE AWARD RECIPIENTS

The CARE Board of Directors voted unanimously to honor Greg and Cherie Booth with this year's Community CARE Award. The Community CARE Award was established by the Board of Directors to recognize outstanding contributions to the organization and to the children and families to whom CARE provides service.

"The Board is happy to have the opportunity to honor Greg and Cherie for their leadership and generosity throughout the Capital Campaign which supported the construction project to build the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center," said Karen Gelston, President of the Board of Directors. "We also wish to recognize the Booths' continued support, enthusiasm, belief in and dedication to CARE's mission of improving the lives of children of all abilities."

The Community CARE Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors on Thursday, December 1st, 2016. More information about the Annual Meeting will be available on the CARE website by November 1st.

ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY RAISES \$20,215 FOR FREE SERVICES

The 23rd annual CARE 'fore' Children Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, August 7th, 2016 at Pine Acres Country Club. The event raised over \$20,000 to support CARE's free community outreach services for children with disabilities; pediatric developmental and preventative screenings; therapeutic recreation programs; child safety initiatives that prevent disabilities and fatalities from accidental injuries; and inclusive early learning programs.

Zippo/Case Museum was the Tournament Sponsor. Lead Sponsorship was provided by The Philo & Sarah Blaisdell Foundation, Allegheny Bradford Family of Companies, and Highmark. CNB Bank was a Flight Sponsor and 8 other business sponsored Half-Flights, including Bob Cummins Construction Company, Carlson Dental Associates, Kessel Construction, Inc., Marshall Insurance Services Inc., Northwest Savings Bank, Santo Vida- Natural Wellness Center, Sundahl & Company Insurance and Shults Toyota. In addition, over 136 donors, businesses and organizations provided sponsorships and in-kind donations of prizes and other services to support the tournament. Thirty teams comprised of 120 golfers made up the field.

A score of 56 won the CNB Bank Flight at this year's tournament. *Pictured, from left are Kirk Stauffer, Pine Acres PGA Pro; Mick Marshall, CARE board member and tournament co-chair; Jeff Burgess, Josh Stauffer, Keith Stauffer, Mike Cercone, winners of the CNB Bank Flight; and Norm Strotman, CARE board member and tournament co-chair.*



CARE FOR CHILDREN MOVING TO E-NEWS FORMAT

CARE will be transitioning its newsletter to an E-mail news format over the next several months to save costs and to update with the times. Sign up now to receive the latest CARE news, including upcoming events, recent memorial and honorarium contributions, and re-caps and great photos from past events.

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A GOLD MEDAL for SUMMER DAY CAMP

Top left to right: Jacob attempts to sink a putt during a game of Putt-Putt at Good Times of Olean, NY with Recreation Assistant, Christie Keck looking on. During Day Camp, brothers Dylan and Jaden enjoy the session of swimming at Pitt-Bradford. Aaron, "Dilly" enjoys a messy craft with (l-r) aide Margo Quick and CARE Occupational Therapist Kim Miller.



Bottom left to right: Jonah and Nick enjoy cup stacking during the Day Camp Olympics which were held at Pitt-Bradford. Guitarist "Mr. Jim" (Jim Ronan) played for the kids at camp which was just one of the activities supported by the United Way. Pictured with "Mr. Jim" are CARE Campers and United Way Executive Director, Mandi Wilton Davis.



Thank you to the University of Pittsburgh Bradford, Good Times of Olean, Pine Acres Country Club and PGA Professional Kirk Stauffer who provided wonderful activities for CARE Kids during sessions of Summer Day Camp. CARE is also grateful for the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc. who provided funding for camp supplies, materials, and special events as well as helping to fund therapeutic staff time. Todd Buses generously provided transportation to off-site activities.

CARE for Children's Best Baby Playgroup is a free, informal program geared for babies, toddlers, and parents and is held the third Wednesday of the month at the Bradford Area Public Library, Early Learning Center at 6:00 p.m.

The playgroup includes a short activity, a chance for children to play, and an opportunity for families to network. Upcoming dates and topics include:

- November 16, 2016 – First 100 Words
- December 21, 2016 – Tissue Paper Craft
- January 18, 2017 – Music and Instruments
- February 15, 2017 – Sensory Bottles
- March 15, 2017 – Gross Motor Movement
- April 19, 2017 – Messy Play
- May 17, 2017 – Story Time
- June 21, 2017 – Music and Instruments



The program is funded by a United Way *Community Impact* grant and is staffed by CARE teachers and therapists. For more information, call CARE at 362-4621, visit www.careforchildren.info/specialevents or like us on Facebook – CARE for Children, McKean County, PA.

CARE for Children Tribute Gifts

MEMORIALS

May 1st, 2016 through September 30th, 2016

In Memory of:

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James Airgood
Mark Armstrong
Debra Baxter
Carl Berg Jr.
Alfred 'Buster' Brown

James R. Carlson
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Irvin Lyter
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Keith and Ann Marsh
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Louis and Mary Kay Sokoly
Wendell and Nellie Wallace
Barry and Fran Anderson; Todd and Sharon Bridge

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In Memory of:

Amelia Piganelli

Imogene Piganelli

Lillian Potter

Louis Pupo

Jeremy Reichart

Jim Reid

Ed Ross

Jan Ryan

Donald Smith

Zenaide Still

"Sugar"

Ron Swart

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Todd and Sharon Bridge; Margie Rounsville

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HONORARIUMS

May 1st, 2016 through September 30th, 2016

In Honor of:

Greg Booth, in honor of his retirement.

Ann Kessel, in honor of her birthday.

Dick and Nancy Miller, in honor of their Wedding Anniversary.

Johnny Mike Miller

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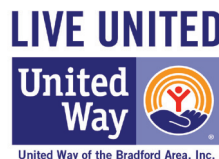
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