

CARE for Children News

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IAPC HONORED AT ANNUAL MEETING

Anne Hardy Received Volunteer Award

The Bradford Club hosted the annual CARE for Children board meeting on December 4, 2025. During the meeting, the organization presented its 2025 Community CARE Awards to the Italian American Progressive Club (IAPC) and outgoing Board Vice President Anne Hardy.

During the meeting, Board President Tyler R. Hannah highlighted the past year's accomplishments, including growth in programs and philanthropic support. "Our theme for Fiscal Year 2024–2025 was simple but powerful: every child deserves the tools to thrive," Hannah said.

Hannah was re-elected to a two-year term as board president. Fred Graham, Thomas E. Ball, and Deborah Price were elected vice president, treasurer, and secretary, respectively, all serving through December 31, 2027. Hannah also welcomed new board member Amy Wojcik, whose passion for community service strengthens CARE's mission.

In presenting the CARE Community Award to the IAPC, board member Mick Marshall noted the club's outstanding support of CARE and how "From its early days as a gathering place for Italian immigrant families to today's vibrant social club, the Italian American Progressive Club has always stood for community, tradition, and generosity."

Anne Hardy received the Community CARE Volunteer Award for nearly 10 years of dedicated service on the board of directors, and her many contributions to CARE events, including, creating a commemorative quilt for the 30th annual golf tournament, and preparing CARE's 100th anniversary historical archive.

CARE also recognized Kimberly Engstrom, M.Ed., preschool director and Early Intervention Special Instructor, for 25 years of service. Executive Director Tina M. Martin said, "Kimberly's commitment and compassion have touched the lives of countless children and families."



Above, pictured left to right: Tyler Hannah, Board President; Anne Hardy, outgoing Vice President and 2025 Community CARE Volunteer Award recipient; Steve Schiappa and Joe Leo, representing the Italian American Progressive Club, recipient of the 2025 Community CARE Award; and Kimberly Engstrom, M.Ed., Preschool Director and Early Intervention Special Instructor, recognized for 25 years of service.

Below: Board member Mick Marshall presented on the Community CARE Award to the IAPC for their support of CARE for Children's programs.



SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER

'CARING' SANTA MAKES STOP AT CARE

CARE hosted Santa Claus and his elf at the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center on Saturday, December 6th. Twenty-seven children and family members attended the annual event.

The visit enabled families to make an appointment to visit with Santa one-on-one and accommodated children who have sensory or other specialized needs. Pictured at CARE is "Santa" with his elf Sophie and Russ, age 3, at 'Caring' Santa.

Each child in attendance chose an age/developmentally appropriate book and game. The program was supported by funding from the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc. and the CARE for Children Endowment Fund at CNB Bank.

CARE'S SPECIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM HELPS FAMILIES

CARE's Special Assistance Program is a vital support for families facing extraordinary and often unexpected challenges. When traditional resources fall short, the program steps in to help meet urgent needs such as medical transportation, adaptive equipment, emergency food and clothing, temporary lodging, and holiday assistance.

Since July 2025, CARE has provided special assistance to more than 300 individuals, including 203 children receiving recurring or one-time support and 112 adults. Four families also received Kids and Cancer assistance through referrals from CARE. Each request reflected a real family navigating complex circumstances, and CARE responded with flexibility and compassion.

CARE assisted families with winter essentials, specialized footwear for children with braces, adaptive and safety equipment for the home, physical therapy tools to support development, and emergency clothing purchases. The program also addressed transportation needs, including gas cards for out-of-town medical appointments, emergency vehicle repairs for a single father working to maintain reliable transportation, and hotel accommodations for a child traveling for surgery when other lodging options were unavailable.

CARE also stood alongside families during times of loss by providing funeral assistance to two local families experiencing sudden and heartbreaking circumstances. These moments underscore the program's commitment to supporting families not only through daily challenges, but also during life's most difficult times.

During the holiday season, CARE helped ease financial stress and bring comfort to families by providing Thanksgiving dinners, grocery gift cards, and Christmas toys that were purchased, wrapped, and delivered by CARE staff. In addition, Zippo generously donated turkeys and hams that were distributed to Early Intervention and school-based families.

"The Special Assistance Fund was started by the Rotary Club of Bradford because families' needs are not always predictable, and help is often needed quickly. Through this program, CARE for Children is able to respond with dignity, and practical support when it matters most to help children who receive our services," said Tina Martin, CARE Executive Director.

The Special Assistance Program is supported by the Rotary Club of Bradford, the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc., funds from CARE for Children's Endowment Fund, generous donor contributions, and a partnership with the Kids and Cancer Benefit.

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUN!

Just because it's cold outside, doesn't mean the fun events stop for CARE for Children! CARE Therapeutic Recreation Programs enable children who receive therapy services and/or have a disability or delay to experience events with therapeutic supports.

CARE was able to offer a safe and accessible Halloween event for kids from Kindergarten to fifth grade in the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center. Sixteen kids joined in on the holiday fun by making some incredible arts and crafts, expressing themselves with pumpkin painting, and bringing fun vibes with a wide variety of costumes of characters from Bluey, to an ancient mummy, and so much more!

The fun continued with plenty of spares, strikes, and smiles at CARE's fall bowling session. Byllye Lanes played host as eleven teens took to the lanes, cheering each other on and showing off their bowling skills. From dramatic wind-ups to celebratory high-fives, the evening was filled with laughter, friendly competition, and lots of pins flying. It was a great way for participants to stay active, build confidence, and enjoy time with friends as the colder months roll in.

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

Pictured top: Nick, age 18, bowls at Byllye Lanes during CARE's teen event. Below: a pharaoh, Isaac, age 10, and Bluey, Delia, age 7, have a snack at the CARE Halloween Party for elementary age students.



CARE for Children Tribute Gifts

MEMORIALS

September 1st, 2025 through January 31st, 2026

In Memory of:

Colleen Amy-Rambish

Michael Baker
Norbert Bauer
Robert "Bob" Bly
Bob Boyer
Benedict Brendel
Dona Brown
Thomas Burkett
Patricia Butler
Kathy Campbell
Virginia "Ginny" Carlson
Jeffrey Caswell
Norma Cavallaro
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Debbie Curtin
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Craig, Kimberly and Elias Engstrom; Rainbow Corner Preschool and CARE for Children
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Ashley Carlson
Don Wiley and Family
Marian and Wayne Kropa & Family
Phyllis and Kathy Sylvester
Dave and Nancy Fuhrman & Family
Tina Martin
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Patti Tracy DeFrank
Ron and Terri Orris
Todd and Sharon Bridge & Family
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In Memory of:

Ann Mongillo
Stanley Neher
Kenneth Allen Nielsen
Sandra Nielsen
Jeff Nuhfer
Dan O'Brien
Tom O'Brien
Nancy O'Donnell
John Olexa
Beverly Plowman
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Jeff and Sara Andrews; Greg and Cherie Booth; Gene and Helen DeFrank; Sandy Edel; Gordon and
Janice Ernest; Bob Frantz and Tina Martin; Dave and Nancy Fuhrman & Family; John Freaney; Pat
Hannon; Doug and Lynne Kuntz; Mike Martin; Phyllis and Kathy Sylvester; Tom and Peggy Welch
Patti Tracy DeFrank
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HONORARIUMS

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In Honor of:

George and Lisa Duke
Kimberly Engstrom
Kimberly Graham
Anne Hardy
Tim, Stephanie, and Olivia Kellner
Richard Kessel
Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lane
Sally Mangel
Mick and Michele Marshall
Ryan Marshall
Erica Marshall
Gavyn, Marcus, Tycen McCammon
Suzy Meyer-Page
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Barbie Sicher
Kathy Symington
Joe Yaros

Given by:

Greg and Cherie Booth; CARE for Children Board and Staff; John and Brandi Vanerstrom; Pat Vigliotta
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David and Marcia Rimer
Paul and Rose Kessel
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Brad Mangel
Joan Mongillo
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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.

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September 1st, 2025 through January 31st, 2026

Donations In Memory of:

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Jake Carley
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Colin Koos
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James, Anne, and Mary Ann Montecalvo
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WHY IN-KIND GIFTS MATTER

In-kind donations, gifts of goods and services, play a critical role in helping nonprofits stretch limited resources and respond directly to the needs of the people they serve. These contributions allow organizations like CARE to redirect financial resources while still providing high-quality programs, essential supplies, and meaningful experiences for children and families.

This year alone, CARE received more than 75 in-kind donations supporting our annual golf tournament, helping ensure the event's success. Throughout the year, preschool families generously donate snack items, fresh fruits and vegetables, and paper goods to support daily needs at Rainbow Corner Preschool.

Donors also provide supplies such as construction paper, crayons, glue sticks, craft materials, and gently used children's books for early learning and therapy programs.

One thoughtful donor knitted 50 hats for young program participants and an organization in California donated tiny knitted hats for infants who were born prematurely. CARE board members and community partners step up during the holidays by donating prepared Thanksgiving dinners, hams, and turkeys for families.

Families themselves often give back by donating adaptive equipment—such as wheelchairs, walkers, and standers—that their children have outgrown, allowing other children to benefit from these much-needed items. Each in-kind donation represents more than a contribution, it reflects a community coming together to support children and families in practical, compassionate ways. These gifts make a real and lasting difference every day.



Pictured: Rainbow Corner Preschool Students, Gavyn, age 5, and Paisley, age 4, model the knit hats donated to CARE by a kind and talented donor.

Rainbow Corner Preschool and Toddler Playgroup Registration 2026-2027 School Year

Preschool registration begins Monday, March 16, 2026 for new students.

Playgroup registration begins Monday, May 11, 2026 for new program participants.

Call 814-362-4621 or visit www.careforchildren.info for more information.



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Contributions in Memory or Honor of Someone Special

Looking for a meaningful way to honor a loved one or celebrate someone special? CARE for Children gratefully accepts memorial and honorary gifts that create a lasting impact for children and families in our community.

Donors may choose to make a contribution in memory of a loved one, in honor of a milestone, or to recognize someone who has made a difference in their life.

Memorial and honorary gifts may be made online at careforchildren.info or by mail to 723 East Main Street, Bradford, PA 16701. Simply scan the QR code to be redirected to CARE for Children's secure giving portal and make a difference today.