

CARE for Children News

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HANNAH NAMED BOARD PRESIDENT

Attorney, Tyler R. Hannah was named President of the CARE for Children Board of Directors at CARE's annual meeting that was held in December (via Zoom teleconference). Outgoing Board President, Norm Strotman, welcomed the slate of new officers who began two-year terms January 1st, 2022. Rounding out the officers are Anne Hardy- vice president; Joseph Yaros- treasurer; and Thomas E. Ball- secretary.

"I have been honored to serve CARE for Children in my capacity as a board member and will now look forward to serving CARE in the future as president of the board," noted Hannah. "CARE has been under great stewardship, and we look forward to continued excellence in our mission and services. I am excited to see the organization grow and am excited, namely, to work with CARE's wonderful staff and leadership team."

The annual meeting also focused on the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year, the annual report, and staff and program highlights, including recognition of staff members who had reached milestone years of service.

"The annual meeting gives the board of directors the opportunity to recognize the hard work of the CARE staff. Throughout the Pandemic, the staff has demonstrated a willingness to adopt new methods, techniques and technology to better serve our early learning students, therapy caseload and the many families who participate in child safety and injury prevention programs," said Strotman.

Strotman also thanked his fellow board members for "leading with grace and for always prioritizing the needs of the children and families."



Photo Caption: From left, Norm Strotman, outgoing CARE for Children Board President welcomes the slate of new officers including Tyler R. Hannah, incoming president, Anne Hardy, incoming vice president, and Joseph Yaros, treasurer. Missing from the photo is Thomas E. Ball, secretary.

SLP JOINS CARE FOR CHILDREN STAFF

Janel Weber, M.S., CCC-SLP, has joined the CARE for Children staff as a full-time Speech Language Pathologist (SLP).



Janel Weber, M.S. CCC-SLP

Janel began working at CARE in July 2021 and provides speech and language therapy for the Early Intervention Birth to Three program in Potter and McKean Counties and for students receiving school-based services. CARE has been able to expand speech-language services throughout Potter County.

A native of Coudersport, she noted, "I am happy to be back home, working with families in both Potter and McKean Counties. It is exciting to be part of a team of professionals who focus on the whole child including what the child and family need for success. I feel blessed to meet so many families who allow me into their lives and to be part of their child's growth."

Janel previously worked for Frederick County Public Schools in Frederick, Maryland where she provided speech and language therapy for middle school students. Most recently, Janel worked at *Help Me Speak*, a private practice in Marriottsville, Maryland where she worked with pediatric and adult clients.

Janel graduated with a Master of Science in Communication Disorders from California University of Pennsylvania and a Bachelor of Science in Speech and Hearing Sciences from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania. She resides in Coudersport.

SPECIAL ASSISTANCE FUND PROVIDES EXTRA HELP FOR CARE FAMILIES

CARE for Children's Rotary Special Assistance Fund was established in 1995 by the Rotary Club of Bradford in response to extra-ordinary needs by families and children who receive CARE services.

"In the past, the fund has provided gift cards for food or gas for medical visits, helped with hotel stays for families with children in the hospital, funded adaptive equipment not covered by insurance, and helped families complete special projects like ramps or home accessibility updates," said Tina Martin, Executive Director.

Last fall, CARE and the Bradford Area School District teamed up with several community partners to help a Fretz Middle School student navigate his driveway to reach the school bus.

CARE therapists, Dana Pence, PT, and DeAnn Persichini, COTA/L, became aware of the situation when the student had been absent from school for a period of time, and they, along with BASD Social Worker, Lori Peace helped get the project in motion.



CARE Board member, Mick Marshall, is shown delivering Thanksgiving dinners to CARE families in need. Mick and his family have volunteered to deliver meals for the last several years.

In early November 2021, a gravel wheelchair pathway, over 30 feet in length, was constructed near the student's home. The inclined pathway enables the student to easily travel in his wheelchair to the bus pickup and drop-off location.

This project was made possible thanks to CARE's Rotary Special Assistance Fund and many local businesses who donated materials, supplies, equipment, time and expertise to ensure the project was successful. Pine Valley Landscaping, Port Allegany, PA, coordinated the project and donated the equipment and labor; Glenn O. Hawbaker Inc. donated approximately 23 tons of limestone gravel; and Taylor & Armstrong Contracting donated the trucking freight for the project.

From July 1 through December 31, 2021, the Special Assistance program provided: 11 winter coats for children (in partnership with Rotary's Operation Warm); 8 Thanksgiving dinners for families; 18 gift cards for food assistance; 50 assorted toys for Early Intervention children and school-based therapy students during the holidays; and a Christmas dinner for a family.

The Rotary Special Assistance Fund is supported by Rotary Club members who donate a portion of their dues annually, private donations, and a portion of trust income is allocated by the CARE Board of Directors.



Pictured left to right: Standing Dennis Bashline, Jim Kallenborn from Pine Valley Landscaping; and seated: Alden Bashline, a student at Fretz Middle School. Alden and his family had a gravel pathway installed from their home to their driveway to make the trip to the school bus more accessible.

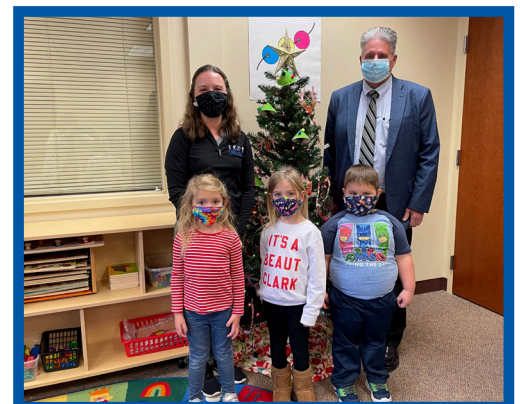
CNB BANK GIFTS \$10,000 FOR PRE-K SCHOLARSHIPS

CNB Bank recently made a \$10,000 contribution to CARE for Children Rainbow Corner Preschool through the Central Pennsylvania Scholarship Fund, designated for Pre-Kindergarten scholarships.

Joseph Yaros, CNB Bank's Vice President of Commercial Banking – Bradford and CARE board member, visited the preschool to present the check to Kimberly Engstrom, M.Ed., Preschool Director.

Pre-Kindergarten scholarship contributions help CARE provide tuition to eligible students to attend preschool, making early learning more accessible and affordable for working families. CNB Bank's contribution will help fund scholarships for the 2022-2023 school year.

Preschool registration begins March 8th, 2022 for current students and March 21st, 2022 for the general public.



Pictured from left are Engstrom, with students Quinn Martin, Lennon Phillips, Caleb Poe, and Yaros. Martin, age 5, is the daughter of Westley and Jill Martin of Bradford; Phillips, age 4, is the daughter of John and Renee Phillips of Bradford; and Poe, age 4, is the son of Jesse Poe and Santana Romero of Lewis Run.

CARE for Children Tribute Gifts

MEMORIALS

October 1st, 2021 through January 31st, 2022

In Memory of:

Tom Bailey
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John Beeman
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John Campbell
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In Memory of:

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Sam Sylvester
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Martha and Guy Colella; Kathy Symington
Tina Martin; Mary Martin; Susan Martin
Dave and Nancy Fuhrman & Family; Jean Hvizdzak; Sue Martin; Andrea Stahl; Jim and Theresa Stoddard;
Julie Wilson and Tim Vecellio

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October 1st, 2022 through January 31st, 2022

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