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CARE for CHILDREN EARNS 'SEAL of EXCELLENCE'

CARE for Children is again a recipient of the Pennsylvania Association of Nonprofit Organizations' Seal of Excellence for successfully completing the rigorous Standards for Excellence® accreditation program. CARE was first awarded the Seal of Excellence in 2004, and was re-accredited in 2007, 2013, 2017 and most recently in December 2022.

Tyler R. Hannah, president of CARE for Children's Board of Directors commented, "CARE is extremely proud of this accreditation and distinction. Along with our Board of Directors, our staff's hard work proves that CARE operates at maximum efficiency in order to have a maximum impact on our mission of improving the lives of children of all abilities."

CARE for Children voluntarily opened itself up to analysis by a "jury of its peers." The peer review team examined CARE for compliance with the Standards for Excellence®: An Ethics and Accountability Code for the Nonprofit Sector, in areas including: Mission, Strategy and Evaluation; Leadership: Board, Staff, and Volunteers; Legal Compliance and Ethics; Finance and Operations; Resource Development; and Public Awareness, Engagement, and Advocacy.

PANO evaluates fundamental values such as honesty, integrity, fairness, respect, trust, responsibility, and accountability, all of which are inherently important in the nonprofit world. CARE's programs and services, management, fundraising and financial practices were subjected to in-depth examination prior to earning accreditation.

"The process and accreditation demonstrate ethical transparency, organizational sustainability and adherence to best practices," says Karen Gelston, CARE board member and chair of the Policy and Personnel Committee.

"The Seal of Excellence is granted to well-managed, responsibly governed organizations that are deserving of the public's trust," explains Tish Mogan, Standards for Excellence Director for PANO. "CARE's Board and staff have shown an extensive level of commitment to this process, and their pursuit of the Seal of Excellence confirms that they believe strongly in promoting a culture of ethics in their operations and governance."



(Left-Right): CARE for Children board members Debbie Price, Tyler R. Hannah, Fred Graham, Karen Gelston, Rich Johnson, and Joe Yaros along with Executive Director, Tina M. Martin display CARE's re-accreditation certificate from PANO's Standards for Excellence® Program.

CARE for Children Recipient of MCCF County Commissioner's Grant

In December 2022, CARE for Children was awarded a \$10,000 grant to support key components of its Community Outreach Program. These services support family-centered programs, that are an extension of therapy services, to help children better reach their full potential, including developmental screenings; social work services; a special assistance fund; and free consultative services in schools and during home visits.

The McKean County Commissioners and the McKean County Community Foundation (MCCF) formed a partnership to distribute grant monies made available to McKean County through the American Rescue Plan Act. As a grant-making entity, MCCF is assisting the Commissioners by processing, awarding, and overseeing the administration of the grants. The McKean County Commissioners and Community Foundation are pleased to provide this opportunity to financially assist the county's non-profits.



(Left-Right): Bob Esch, President, McKean County Community Foundation; Cliff Lane, Carol Duffy, and Thomas Kreiner (far right), McKean County Commissioners; present ARPA funding to Leslie Kallenborn, CARE Development and Marketing Coordinator and Tyler R. Hannah, CARE Board President.

ROTARY CLUB of BRADFORD HONORED WITH COMMUNITY CARE AWARD

The CARE Board of Directors honored The Rotary Club of Bradford with the organization's Community CARE Award at the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors on December 1, 2022.

"This award celebrates The Rotary Club of Bradford's 100th anniversary and even more importantly, the 98-year partnership with CARE for Children that has contributed to the organization's remarkable growth – and positively impacted the lives of thousands of children," noted Tyler R. Hannah, CARE Board President. "The depth and breadth of CARE services has grown significantly since 1924, with Rotary Club support each and every step of the way."

The relationship between CARE and The Rotary Club of Bradford began in 1924, when Rotarians realized that an area as large as McKean County should have a formally organized body whose sole purpose was to better the lot of disabled children. Representatives from local government, the public schools, and the Bradford and Kane Rotary Clubs met to consider founding such an organization. At this first historic meeting the McKean County Society for Crippled Children was officially founded, later becoming the McKean County Easter Seals Society and now, CARE for Children.

Hannah noted many of the Rotary Club's recent contributions, which have included volunteering at recreation programs, providing children with dental supplies and warm coats, purchasing playground and therapy equipment, supporting child safety programs, and completing a significant pledge to the Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center. The Rotary Club of Bradford also established the Rotary Kids Special Assistance Fund in 1995, which is supported by Rotarians through fundraising and a portion of each members' annual dues. The fund provides emergency assistance and the little extras for CARE families in need.

Accepting the award on behalf of The Rotary Club of Bradford was Steve Morgan, President. Morgan remarked, "It is no surprise that the relationship between CARE and Rotary remains relevant today. Beyond our connected history, our two organizations have much in common. Both CARE for Children and Rotary have been supporting our community for close to a century."

Morgan also noted, "We share a common mission to provide service to people in need. To say that CARE for Children and the Rotary Club of Bradford are connected would certainly be an understatement. Rotary has been a supporter of CARE since the very beginning...almost 100 years!"

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 service.

GRANT FUNDING FOR TODDLER CRIBS

The Dr. Lyle F. Renodin Foundation, a Ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, New York, has donated \$3,000 to CARE for Children/Safe Kids Pennsylvania – McKean County Partnership to purchase mini cribs, mattresses and crib sheets to ensure a safe sleep environment for young children.

The mini cribs are specifically for children over 30 pounds and/or older than one year of age who do not meet the guidelines for the McKean County Cribs for Kids® program (birth to 11 months old and under 30 pounds). The new mini cribs will be distributed through the Home Safety Program, which provides childproofing and home safety items for local families in need.

Health and Human Services Agencies, at-home visitors, Children and Youth Services, and early childhood programs are encouraged to make referrals to both the Home Safety and McKean County Cribs for Kids® Programs. Families may also contact CARE directly at 814-362-4621 or visit www.careforchildren.info/what-we-do/child-safety/programs.html for more information.

The Renodin Foundation provides grants for programs and projects serving people in the Allegany/Cattaraugus Counties of New York and McKean County, Pennsylvania whose public charitable purposes are carried out in a manner consistent with the tradition of the Franciscan Sisters. Grant awards show a connection to the mission of the Foundation and assist the needy, underprivileged, elderly, developmentally disabled, handicapped, or economically disadvantaged.



(Left-Right): Tina Martin, Executive Director, Tyler R. Hannah, Board President, Steve Morgan, Rotary Club President, and Ben Kirsch, Rotary Club President-Elect, accepting the Community CARE Award on behalf of The Rotary Club of Bradford at the annual meeting of the CARE Board of Directors.



(Left-Right): CARE for Children Social Worker and Safe Sleep Educator, Joy Haney, MSW, LSW and Renodin Foundation President, Laura Whitford are shown with a new mini crib available through CARE's Home Safety Program.

CARE for Children Tribute Gifts

MEMORIALS

October 1st, 2022 through January 31st, 2023

In Memory of:

Mary Allen
Sharon Armstrong

Mary Balcerzak
Gloria Battles
Barb Bernheisel
Dave Bizzarro
Barbara Boser

Ralph J. Bottone
Bridget Boyle
Bonnie Buccolini
Susan Case
James "Boo" Coder
Shaun David Costa
Kathryn Dalton
Elmer F. DeLucia
Larry Douthit
Audrey Eidson

Susan Emery

William Erwin
Carol Fitzgerald
Kathleen A. Frontino
Audrey Gilligan
Mary Greek
Tom Hardy

Clifford Hatch Jr.
Amy Hoffman
Cliff Hogan
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Gary Hughes
Shirley James
Richard "Dick" Kallenborn
Don Karrasch
Lynette Keane
Teddy Kuzmeskas

Given by:

Bob and Jan Geisler; Patti Neidich
Barry and Fran Anderson; CARE for Children Board of Directors and Staff; Bill and Kim Graham;
Neidra Hart; Tina Martin; Jim and Staci McCord; Kim and Dave Soble
Greg and Cherie Booth
Joan Mansour
Craig, Kimberly and Elias Engstrom
Mick and Michele Marshall & Family
Bill and Barb Black; Greg and Cherie Booth; Ron and Bonnie Booth; Ed and Joyce Fichte; Valerie Franco;
Dave and Nancy Fuhrman & Family; Bob and Roxane Howard, Denise and Dave Hale, Deb Hayden
and John O'Laughlin; Margie Holland; Joan Mansour; Scott, Michele and Wyatt McCann; Glenn and
Bonnie McDonald; Madeline Miles; Beth Monti; Linda Monti; Tom and Charla Munn; Natalie and Emily
Munn; Carol Pecora; Pete and Marsha Peterson; Bill and Linda Sayers; Diane Sheeley; Steve and Vickie
Skvarka; Ron and Kathy Symington; Mary Webster; Lisa Zurat
Bill Galey; James and Theresa Stoddard & Family
Lou and Angela Monti
Lou and Angela Monti; Kathy and Ron Thomas
Greg and Cherie Booth; Jim and Staci McCord
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James and Theresa Stoddard & Family
Patti Tracy DeFrank
Joan Mansour
Lynne and Doug Kuntz; Tom and Peggy Welch
Barry and Fran Anderson; CARE for Children; Mary Ann Crissman; Janet Glover; Shelly Crissman
Hannon; Steven and Martha Morris; Michael Price; Claudia Quinn; Ken and Karen Rakieski; Wally and
Vicki Sander; Kim and Dave Soble; Kathy Symington; Wendell and Nellie Wallace; Lisa Zurat
Ron and Bonnie Booth & Family; Todd and Sharon Bridge & Family; Bob Frantz; Safe Kids PA-McKean
County Partnership Advisory Committee; Tina Martin
Beth Monti
Greg and Cherie Booth
Todd and Sharon Bridge; Ried's Markets, Inc., David and Ann Reid
Greg and Cherie Booth; Ron and Bonnie Booth; Lynne and Doug Kuntz
Greg and Cherie Booth
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CARE Staff; Gene and Helen DeFrank; Gordon and Janice Ernest; Jim and Karen Gelston; Pat Hannon;
Shelly Crissman Hannon; Doug and Lynne Kuntz; CJ Mackey & Family; Lou and Angela Monti; Lisa and
Kevin Cavallero; Amy and John Vleminckx; Stephanie and Brian Makin; Bill Peckham; Tim and Pattie
Pupo; James and Theresa Stoddard; Bill and Debbie Taylor; John and Karen Whelpley & Family
Beth Monti
CARE for Children
Patti DeFrank
Jim and Staci McCord
Dick and Donna Payne
Greg and Cherie Booth; Lee Eliason
Joe and Mary Lashway; Pine Valley Nurseries
Shelly Crissman Hannon
John and Brandi Vanerstrom
Greg and Cherie Booth; Tina Martin and Max Paterniti

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In Memory of:

Margaret Lawson
"Lilly"
Kim Livingston
Andy Lopus
Lewis Loughlin
Joyce Lucco
Richard Luther Sr.

Hazel Malas
Meredith Maley
Sally Mangel
Nancy Marien
Loretta Marzucco
Patty Mathias
Bill McCormack

"Mee Yow"
Joseph Miller

Marguerite Miller
Thomas J. Morris Sr.

Aldo Pasquinelli

Tammy Pattison
Virginia Patton
Herman Pickles
Andy Pingie
Dick Platko
George Santora
Patricia Schaming
M. Jane Shaw
Larry Shine
Roberta Smith
Donovan Smith
Marilyn Smith

Joan Stack
Mary Jo Tallman
Shawn Taylor
Carol Therminy
William Troutman
Cheryl Wiley
Hazel Wolcott
Ainslee Wolfgang
Larry Woods
Bonnie Wright

Given by:

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Jim and Karen Gelston
CARE for Children
Kathy Symington
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James and Theresa Stoddard
Greg and Cherie Booth; Ron and Bonnie Booth; Todd and Sharon Bridge; Richard and Ann Cavallero; Lee and Michelle Eliason; Dave and Nancy Fuhrman & Family; Jim and Karen Gelston; Bob and Tammie Hannon; Anne and Jeff Hardy; Bob and Phyllis Longnecker & Family; Mary Martin; Scott, Michele and Wyatt McCann; Glenn and Bonnie McDonald; Rick and Marcia Morrison; Tom and Charla Munn; Natalie and Emily Munn; Linda and Bill Sayers; Lou and Mary Kay Sokoly; Bill, Debbie and Annie Taylor
CARE for Children Board of Directors and Staff; Tina Martin
Jim and Karen Gelston
Greg and Cherie Booth; Todd and Sharon Bridge & Family; Mary Winner
Patti DeFrank
Lou and Mary Kay Sokoly
Gene and Helen DeFrank; Pat Hannon; Tom and Peggy Welch
Mary Ann Crissman; Patti Tracy DeFrank; Carol and Hugh Feiro; Dave and Nancy Fuhrman & Family; Louise Stoltz
Jim and Karen Gelston
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Ashley, Nate and Ryan Carlson; CARE for Children; Jeff and Val Coast; Tina Martin and Max Paterniti
Barry and Fran Anderson: Ron and Bonnie Booth; Dave and Nancy Fuhrman & Family; Bob and Tammie Hannon; Doug and Lynne Kuntz; Tina Martin and Max Paterniti; Susan and Tom Oliphant
Todd and Sharon Bridge; Dave and Nancy Fuhrman & Family; Bob and Tammie Hannon; Beth Monti; Patti Neidich; Bill, Debbie and Annie Taylor
Bob and Tammie Hannon
Bill and Barb Black
Kimberly Stolp
Lynn and Bonnie Rowe
Dave and Nancy Fuhrman & Family
Patti DeFrank; Dave and Nancy Fuhrman & Family
Ron and Bonnie Booth; The Graham Boys
Richard and Ann Cavallero
Bill and Barb Black; Steven and Martha Morris; Lou and Mary Kay Sokoly
June Carley
Lynne and Doug Kuntz
Mary Ann Crissman; Gene and Helen DeFrank; Gordon and Janice Ernest; Doug and Lynne Kuntz; Catherine MacDonald & Family; Rick and Marcia Morrison
Steven and Martha Morris; James and Theresa Stoddard
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Ron and Bonnie Booth; Bob and Tammie Hannon; Jim and Staci McCord
Craig, Kimberly and Elias Engstrom
The Carley Family
Lynne and Doug Kuntz; Patrick and Carol Shannon; John and Brandi Vanerstom
Karolyn Graves and Kris King; Patti Neidich & Family; Phyllis Sylvester and Kathy Sylvester
Kathy Symington
John and Brandi Vanerstom
Mary Ann Crissman

DONATIONS IN MEMORY

October 1st, 2022 through January 31st, 2023

Donation in Memory of:

Sarah B. Dorn
Leilani 'Loni' Fesenmyer
Bryan Hannon
Joe Hannon
John Hvizdzak
Middalia Kan
Colin Koos
Virginia Pascarella
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HONORARIUMS

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In Honor of:

Greg and Cherie Booth
Kim Graham
Tyler Hannah
Tim, Stephanie and Olivia Kellner
Richard Kessel
Deb Lincoln
Tish Mogan
Betty Soble
Preston Taylor

Given by:

Greg, Kristi, Devon, Taylor, Tristin and Tylar Booth
Marcia Rimer
Kane Elks Lodge #329
David and Marcia Rimer
Paul and Rose Kessel
CARE for Children Board of Directors and Staff
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Kimberly and David Soble
Kathy Symington

The generosity of our community makes a lasting impact on services for local children...

Gifts in honor or memory of someone special support services for children of all abilities.

The family or recipient will receive a special printed card acknowledging the gift.

CNB BANK SUPPORTS 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 Alexis Close, M.Ed., Preschool Teacher (middle) and Barbara McGarry, longtime preschool aide and students, Grayson, age 4, and Elaina, age 4.

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
**Rainbow Corner Preschool
and Toddler Playgroup**

Registration

for the 2023-2024 school year
begins Monday, March 20, 2023 for new students

Visit www.careforchildren.info for
tuition information and to download
registration forms or call CARE for
Children for a registration packet.
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