

CARE for Children News

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CARE Celebrates 100th Anniversary with Special Events

On October 10th, 2024, close to 100 donors attended CARE for Children's Donor Reception, at the Bradford Club, to honor its dedicated supporters and celebrate a century of 'Shaping Childhoods.'

In recognition of this milestone, the City of Bradford, Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and Pennsylvania Senate issued citations acknowledging CARE for Children's history and century-long impact.

Presentations were made by Terry Lopus, on behalf of the City of Bradford, Ron Orris, on behalf of Representative Martin Causer's Office, and Tamara Bleggi, on behalf of Senator Cris Dush's Office.

"For 100 years, CARE has helped children grow and thrive by working alongside families, early childhood providers, schools, and the community," said Board President Tyler R. Hannah. "Through our evolution— from the McKean County Society for Crippled Children to today's CARE for Children—our mission has remained the same: positively shaping childhoods."

CNB Bank and 1865 Wealth Advisors sponsored the event.



Photo Caption: Pictured (left to right) at CARE for Children's 100th Anniversary Donor Reception: Joe Yaros, CARE Board Treasurer; Terry Lopus, Bradford City Council; Ron Orris, Executive Director of the Philo and Sarah Blaisdell Foundation; Tamara Bleggi, Constituent Relations Specialist for Senator Cris Dush; and Tyler R. Hannah, CARE Board President. Citations were presented to commemorate CARE's 100th anniversary.

CARE for Children Legacy Society

The October Donor Event also marked the launch of the **CARE for Children Legacy Society** established by the Board of Directors.

The society recognizes and honors donors who have included CARE in their estate planning.

Currently, over 60 donors are listed in the society rolls.

Additionally, the **CARE for Children Endowment**, managed by 1865 Wealth Advisors through CNB Bank, was highlighted as a new avenue for planned giving.

Contributions through estate planning, unless otherwise designated, will be placed in the CARE for Children Endowment to help enhance services, expand programming, support CARE families in need, and ensure the organization's long-term sustainability.

This fund, in addition to donor and grant funding, will provide lasting support for CARE's free services, including child safety initiatives, family support, special assistance, pediatric outreach and pro bono therapy services including developmental screenings, and therapeutic recreation programs.

Join the CARE for Children Legacy Society by indicating that you have made a planned gift to the organization. For more information on making a planned gift contact Tina M. Martin, executive director, at 814-362-4621 or visit the CARE website at <https://careforchildren.info/ways-to-help/legacy.html>.

Local Business Appreciation

In celebration of the 100th anniversary, CARE honored local small businesses during a 'business blitz' in October 2024.

CARE therapists and Early Learning Staff delivered over 100 appreciation bags.

CARE is grateful for the community's support of helping children grow since 1924.



ANNUAL MEETING of THE BOARD of DIRECTORS

On December 6th, 2024, CARE for Children held its annual Board of Directors meeting at the Pennhills Club in Bradford, marking the culmination of events and activities for the organization's 100th year of service.

Executive Director, Tina Martin, recognized three employees for milestone years of service: Kimberly Miller, OTR/L, occupational therapist (15 years); Kylie DiFonzo, M.S., CCC-SLP, speech/language pathologist (10 years); and Carrie Roberts, preschool aide (5 years).

"At CARE, we are fortunate to have a high level of staff retention and employees who are committed to CARE's mission, who work hard and achieve a high level of excellence in the services provided and the jobs they do," said Martin.

Board President Tyler R. Hannah reviewed highlights from the 2023-2024 fiscal year, including CARE's steady growth, increased philanthropic support, a new five-year strategic plan, and a venue change for the annual golf tournament.

"CARE's success is made possible by our generous donors, dedicated volunteers, and committed board members," said Hannah. "Most importantly, we are grateful to the families who trust us to be part of their children's lives. For 100 years, these children have been a reminder that there is real hope in the world."



The Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors was attended by board and staff in December. Tyler Hannah, Board President (center) presented CARE for Children staff members Kimberly Miller, OTR/L (left) and Kylie DiFonzo, M.S., CCC-SLP (right) with certificates for milestone years of service. Carrie Roberts was also recognized but not in attendance.

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 14th.

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.

Each child in attendance chose an age/developmentally appropriate book and game. Twenty-seven children attended.

The program was supported by funding from the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc.

CARE's Rotary Special Assistance Fund Supports Families

The holiday season was a little brighter for many local families, thanks to CARE for Children's Rotary Special Assistance Fund. Through generous donations and community partnerships, CARE staff provided support to families in need, ensuring they had extra help and a bit of holiday joy.

In November and December, CARE distributed \$1,600 in grocery gift cards to help families with holiday meals. Additionally, 10 Thanksgiving dinners were provided—seven to families in McKean County and three to families in Warren County. CARE Board Member Mick Marshall personally delivered dinners to Bradford families.

Beyond holiday meals, CARE staff addressed other essential needs, including, purchasing diapers and wipes, winter boots, shoes and socks, and developmental toys and books. CARE distributed a total of 12 winter coats.

The Rotary Club of Bradford contributes a percentage of each member's annual dues to support the fund. The CARE Board of Directors also designates a portion of trust income, along with donor contributions and special event proceeds, to support these efforts.



CARE for Children Tribute Gifts

MEMORIALS

October 1st, 2024 through January 31st, 2025

In Memory of:

Jay Alexander
Mason Ashcroft
Dennis Bartlett
Velma Bridge

Paula Brooks
Mark G. Carapellatti
Jake Carley
Carol Cavallero
Richard "Dick" Cavallero

Mark Cunningham
Robert Curcio
Gary Erway
Bob Ezzolo
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Mark Farrell
Bob Fee
Lorraine Forness

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Jim Gleason, Sr.
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Janice Hamilton
Rev. Frank Hill
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Bill Keesler
Mike Kemick
Richard Keverline
Jeannette Kio
Suzanne Lear-South
Kay Little
Paulette Little

Freya Lopus

Given by:

Tina Martin and Bob Frantz
Tyler Hannah
Bob and Tammie Hannon; Joyce Hotelling
Bill and Barb Black; Jay and Kathy Campbell; CARE for Children Board of Directors and Staff; Mark Carlson; Nate, Ashley and Ryan Carlson; Michael Dennis & Family; Christopher Dennis & Family; Jim and Paula Engel; Bob Frantz; Art and Lori Goodman; Joyce Hotelling; Tony Lonzi; Paul and Shirley Madison; Tina Martin and Max Paterniti; Mary Martin; Mike Martin and Debbie Curtin; Staci McCord; Neighbor Lunch Ladies: Judy Rovito, Mary Jane Gigliotti, Pat Foote, Pat Warfield, Kathy Simon, Lois VanHoutte, and Linda Slike
Patti DeFrank
Frank and Kathy Maduri
CARE for Children Board of Directors and Staff; Nancy Detrick; Mr. and Mrs. Bill Snyder
Bob and Tammie Hannon
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Dave and Nancy Fuhrman
Todd and Sharon Bridge
Ron and Bonnie Booth; Dave and Nancy Fuhrman
Phyllis and Kathy Sylvester
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Dave and Nancy Fuhrman; Bob and Tammie Hannon
Celia and Brandon Means; Shannon and Sal Luzzi; Jane and Lou Luzzi; Jess and Steve Whiteman; Sharon Zampogna
Patti DeFrank; Bob and Tammie Hannon
Tom and Patsy Arrowsmith; Lou and Mary Kay Sokoly
The Whitneys
Ron and Kathy Symington
Dick and Donna Payne
CARE for Children Staff; Tina Martin; Kelly and Joany Metzgar; Marcia Morrison; David Nuzzo; Scott and Mary Ann Quinn; Quinn Runyan; David and Cheryl Sheneman; Ron and Kathy Symington
Claudia Quinn
Flora and Steven Cohen
Bob and Tammie Hannon
Tom and Patsy Arrowsmith; Greg and Cherie Booth
Nate, Ashley and Ryan Carlson; Kathy Symington
David Nuzzo; Ron and Kathy Symington
Lee Eliason
Shelly Crissman Hannon; Dave and Nancy Fuhrman; Bob and Tammie Hannon; Marcia Morrison; Louise Stoltz
Tina Martin; Ron and Terri Orris; Ron and Kathy Symington

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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Jim Macfarlane

Anthony Magnetti

Walter Makin

Toby Mangus

Tim McGuire

Louise McLaughlin

Jay Merry

Edward Moore

James Moore

Timothy Newhouse

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Kay Smeal & Family

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Marcia Morrison

Ashley Hendrickson Carlson

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Greg and Cherie Booth; Debbie and Tom Canaan; CARE for Children Board of Directors and Staff; Nate, Ashley, and Ryan Carlson; Mike and Denise Coast; Bunny Comilla; Karen Confer; Craig, Kimberly, and Elias Engstrom; Jim and Karen Gelston; Karolyn Graves; Jeff and Anne Hardy; Jim, Leslie, Kaitlyn, and Ella Kallenborn; Tina Martin and Max Paterniti; Mary Martin; Susan Martin; Jim, Staci, and Hailee McCord; John and Marla McKeirnan & Family; Merve Miller and Shelley Whitman; Marcia Morrison; Harold and Judy Robinson; Pat, Quinn, and Maddox Runyan

Tom and Patsy Arrowsmith; Greg and Cherie Booth; Anne and Steve Campogiani

Mike Martin and Debbie Curtin

Dave and Nancy Fuhrman; Joe and Mary Lashway; Bill Peckham; Louise Stoltz

Greg and Cherie Booth; Ron and Bonnie Booth; Mike Martin and Debbie Curtin; Mary Martin; Tina Martin; Sue Martin

Scott and Mary Ann Quinn

Barry and Fran Anderson; Bob and Tammie Hannon; Jeff and Anne Hardy

Barry and Fran Anderson; Dave and Nancy Fuhrman; Lewis Keller & Family; David Nuzzo;

Ron and Kathy Symington

Linda and Bill Sayers; Sue and BJ Sayers; Julie Wilson & Family; The Whitneys; Dennis Griesbaum; Joe and Wendy Yaros & Family

Barry and Fran Anderson; Todd and Sharon Bridge; Gene and Helen DeFrank; Tom and Peggy Welch American Legion Post 108 Bradford, PA; Carol and Hugh Feiro; Nick and Sue Frampton; Lewis Keller & Family; Paul and Shirley Madison; Nancy Pascarella; Bill and Linda Sayers; BJ, Sue, Kyle and Nicole Sayers; Kay Smeal & Family; Bill and Debbie Taylor; Alfred 'Ted' Viola; Julie Wilson & Family Bill and Linda Sayers; BJ, Sue, Kyle and Nicole Sayers; Kathy Symington; Julie Wilson & Family Mike Martin and Debbie Curtin; Bill and Debbie Taylor

Richard and Ann Cavallero

Jim and Theresa Stoddard

Tom and Patsy Arrowsmith; Dave and Nancy Fuhrman; Ron and Terri Orris; Louise Stoltz

Craig, Kimberly and Elias Engstrom

Lou and Mary Kay Sokoly; Patti Tracy DeFrank

Barry and Fran Anderson

Bob and Tammie Hannon

Greg and Cherie Booth; Lee and Michelle Eliason

Ashley Carlson; Craig, Kimberly and Elias Engstrom; Dave and Nancy Fuhrman; Mike and Jean Luciano; Tina Martin; Marcia Morrison; Bob and Tammie Hannon

Kay Smeal & Family

Patti DeFrank

HONORARIUMS

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In Honor of:

Cherie Booth
Greg Booth
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Kim Graham
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Emily and Adam Mignogna
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Ron and Bonnie Booth

DONATIONS IN MEMORY

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Donald and Joan Bailey
Bonnie Buccolini
Dick Buckley
Louise Marlayne Ericson
Malissa Erway
Dave Farrell
J. Joanne Fishkin
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Angela Erway
Todd and Sharon Bridge
Kathy Symington
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David and Marcia Rimer
Sandy Macfarlane
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Registration does not imply endorsement.

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORT CHILD SAFETY INITIATIVES



The Renodin Foundation, a ministry of the Franciscan Sisters of Allegany, NY, provided a grant for \$2,100 to support the McKean County Cribs for Kids Program. Pictured (left to right) are CARE employees Joy Haney, MSW, LSW, Social Worker and Kimberly Engstrom, M.Ed., Preschool Director, who are both trained safe sleep educators through the National Cribs for Kids Program.



The Bradford Exchange Club recently presented a donation to CARE for Children from the First Responders Bowling Event for the prevention of child abuse in McKean County. Pictured (left-right) are Kimberly Engstrom, M.Ed., CARE preschool director and child safety educator; along with Stoney Greenberg, President and Kim Ditz, Secretary/Treasurer from the Bradford Exchange Club.

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Child Safety & Injury Prevention
McKean County Cribs for Kids®

Executive Director:
Tina M. Martin

Rainbow Corner Preschool and Toddler Playgroup Registration 2025-2026 School Year

Preschool registration begins Monday, March 10, 2025 for new students.

Playgroup registration begins Monday, May 12, 2025 for new program participants.

Visit www.careforchildren.info for more information.

Registration forms will be available on the web site the Friday prior to registration.

Preschool tuition assistance and scholarships are available for qualified families.

