

Summer 2017



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CARE NEWS

A Non-profit Organization Dedicated to Improving the Lives of Children of All Abilities

SUMMER RECREATION and LEARNING for CARE KIDS

CARE for Children offered a variety of programs which focused on therapeutic recreation and early learning throughout the summer months.

CARE's Summer Day Camp for school-age children provided fun, therapeutic programming throughout four weekly sessions during the month of June at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. Campers did arts and crafts, storytime, gym activities, nature walks on the Pitt Trail, and swimming.

"Summer Day Camp reinforces school-based therapy skills that students work on throughout the school year. CARE staff have the opportunity to continue helping participants work on both fine motor and gross motor skills in a fun, informal setting," said Ashley Carlson, MOT, OTR/L, CARE Pediatric Therapy Services Director.

Campers also enjoyed two field trips as part of CARE's summer therapeutic recreation programming to wrap up the summer. An adaptive golf outing was held at Pine Acres Country Club on August 9th, 2017 and bowling at Good Times of Olean was held on August 16th, 2017. *Continued on page 3*

Shown Top Right: A group of CARE Summer Day Campers are shown with DeAnn Persichini, COTA/L, CARE Occupational Therapy Assistant, during a photo scavenger hunt walk on the Pitt Trail at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford in June.

Bottom Right: Brenden Stidd enjoys the driving range at the CARE for Children Adaptive Golf Outing at Pine Acres Country Club.



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNEY RAISES \$22,680



A score of 58 won the Kids & Cancer Benefit 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; Pete Pascarella, Boo Coder, Matt Monago, Brian Larson, winners of the Kids & Cancer Benefit flight; and Norm Strotman, CARE board member and tournament co-chair.

The 24th annual CARE 'fore' Children Golf Tournament was held on Sunday, August 6th, 2017 at Pine Acres Country Club. The event raised \$22,680 to support CARE's free community outreach services for children with disabilities; pediatric developmental and preventative screenings; therapeutic recreation programs; child safety initiatives that aim to prevent disabilities and fatalities from accidental injuries; and inclusive early learning programs.

Premier and Lead Sponsors, Allegheny Bradford Family of Companies, Philo & Sarah Blaisdell Foundation, Highmark Blue Cross Blue Shield, and Zippo/Case Museum, presented this year's tournament. CNB Bank, Marshall Insurance Services, and Kids & Cancer Benefit were flight sponsors. In total, over 140 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.

For a summary of this year's tournament including a list of sponsors and flight winners visit www.careforchildren.info/care-fore-children-golf-tournament/.

CREATING A VISION FOR THE FUTURE



Follow That Vision!

by Michael Brand, MNO
Director, Social Impact

To be a leader we need followers. To get followers, we must have a vision of where we want to lead them. Simple.

Plenty of our nonprofits are doing good today, but the great ones are also looking far into the future. While treasuring the current work, our transformative leaders aren't totally absorbed by 2017. They have one eye fixed upon 2042 as well.

As influencers, we can't move people to a new tomorrow if they think today is OK. They won't go 'there' without first believing 'here' is insufferable. The natural human temptation is to say, 'Oh things are not that bad,' and minimize society's issues. Our job is to get our friends out of their comfort zone so they deem the status quo intolerable. Only then are they ready to embrace our vision of the world we want to create.

This is why it is vital to grasp much more than what a nonprofit is doing in 2017. What type of future are they trying to build? What does 2042 look like?

CARE's Board of Directors and leadership staff attended a retreat in March 2017 led by consultant Michael Brand, MNO, (see side bar) to work on creating a vision and core values statement for CARE for Children.

After the retreat, a committee comprised of Karen Gelston and Tyler Hannah, CARE board members, and Tina Martin and Leslie Kallenborn, CARE staff members, held several meetings to take the ideas developed at the retreat and turn those ideas into a cohesive vision that would assist in advancing the organization's mission of improving the lives of children of all abilities. The board approved the vision at the June 2017 Board Meeting.

CARE for Children's Vision:

The realization of an ability-focused culture which helps children cultivate independence, empowers families, and creates a community which fosters the dignity of all.

At the June meeting, the board also adopted a succinct set of values which reflect CARE's organizational ethics.

CARE for Children's Core Values:

Inclusion

Building a community which embraces children of all abilities.

Collaboration

Working together as an organization and in our community to support our mission.

Integrity

Unwavering commitment to organizational accountability, best practices and respect for all.

Sustainability

Maintaining organizational stability to meet the evolving needs of the children and families to whom we provide services.

Excellence

Cultivating effective leadership which ensures high quality operations and services that engage, empower and inspire.

CARE HOLDS SUMMER SAFETY DAYS

CARE for Children hosted two Summer Safety Days at the Smethport Community Pool and Port Allegany Community Pool on Wednesday, June 21st, 2017. CARE and United Way staff were on hand at both locations to offer information on water safety, sun safety, and hydration, and also provided free giveaways including sunscreen and water bottles.

At right, Kimberly Engstrom, trained bicycle helmet fitter and CARE preschool director, is shown fitting a helmet at the Smethport Community Pool. Thirty youth were properly fit and received free helmets at the events.

Funding for the Summer Safety Days was provided in part by a *Community Impact* grant from the Smethport Campaign for United Way.



Don't Miss the Exchange Club Bowling Expo

Saturday, October 7th, 2017 - Byllye Lanes, Bradford, PA

Proceeds Help Support CARE for Children's Child Safety & Injury Prevention Initiatives

SUMMER RECREATION and LEARNING for CARE KIDS
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CARE is grateful for the support of the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford, Good Times of Olean, Pine Acres Country Club and Kirk Stauffer, PGA Pro, who helped provide wonderful activities during sessions of Summer Day Camp.

Funding is generously provided from the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc. and the Orak Grotto for staffing, materials and supplies, and special activities for camp; and CARE appreciates Todd Busses for providing transportation to the off-site field trips.

CARE's Rainbow Corner Preschool Day Camp, for children 3 to 5 years old, was held during six sessions in June and focused on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) activities and Early Literacy.

"We had 21 children enrolled in this year's camp and with the focus on STEAM we were able to do activities that were hands on and engaged the students' creativity and curiosity about the world around them," said Kimberly Engstrom, M.Ed., Preschool Director.

"The partnership with the Bradford School District and grant funding has been invaluable by providing a wide variety of learning materials and enabling our staff to be innovative in our approach to adding STEAM activities to the curriculum," added Engstrom.

Preschoolers enjoyed outdoor time and the many lessons that utilized the playground as an outdoor classroom. Special guests included guitarist Jim Ronan and Smokey the Bear.

STEAM activities at both camps were funded in part through CARE's partnership with the Bradford Area School District and an Early Childhood Education Innovation Zone grant as part of Pennsylvania's federally-funded Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Grant.



Top: Smokey the Bear visited Rainbow Corner Preschool Summer Day Camp. Pictured with Smokey are Jan Stiles, Preschool Aide and Joshua Bridge, Forest Ranger, along with Paul Luzzi, Anna Preston, Jonah Bridge, and Robbie Cathers.

Above Left: Abby Carlson works on spray bottle painting on the playground.

Above Right: Brock Crappio takes a turn at a game of Kerplunk while classmates watch for the balls to drop.

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 is staffed by CARE teachers and therapists and includes a short activity, a chance for children to play, and an opportunity for families to network.

The program is funded in part by the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc. and through CARE's partnership with the Bradford Area School District and an Early Childhood Education Innovation Zone grant as part of Pennsylvania's federally-funded Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge Grant.



For more information, call CARE at 362-4621, visit www.careforchildren.info/specialevents or like us on Facebook – CARE for Children, McKean County.

CARE for Children Tribute Gifts

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April 1st, 2017 through July 31st, 2017

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CARE RECEIVES EITC PRE-K SCHOLARSHIP FUNDING

CARE for Children is grateful for the generosity of the following companies who recently contributed to the organization's EITC Pre-Kindergarten Scholarship program.

Demme Learning

Northwest

PNC Bank

Zippo Manufacturing Company

CARE for Children's Rainbow Corner Preschool is an approved Pre-Kindergarten program through the Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) program. In 2001, the EITC program overwhelmingly passed the legislature and was signed into law by former Governor Tom Ridge. HB 996, the Educational Improvement Tax Credit, provides companies with a 75% tax credit for donations to a non-profit scholarship or educational improvement organization. The tax credit increases to 90% if the company commits to making the same donations for two consecutive years. A business paying taxes in Pennsylvania can receive up to \$200,000 in tax credits annually. Businesses who are interested in supporting CARE's early learning program and help working families afford a Pre-Kindergarten program, please visit www.careforchildren.info for more information.

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