

Spring 2024

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Celebrating 100 YEARS



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Improving the lives of children of all abilities

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NEWS

HAPPY CAMPERS at RAINBOW CORNER PRESCHOOL

CARE for Children Rainbow Corner Preschool celebrated its young learners during the *Week of the Young Child* (April 6th through the 12th) with a fun camping theme.

The week was highlighted with hands-on activities that encouraged movement, arts and crafts, and healthy lifestyles and reinforced the curriculum and PA Early Learning Standards.

Musical guest and guitarist Jim Ronan visited the preschool; students participated in fun, camping-themed, classroom activities including games and scavenger hunts; a guest reader, Bonnie Leposa from the Bradford Area Public Library, visited the preschool; and students enjoyed special camping snacks throughout the week including s'mores, mountain pie pizzas, hot dogs, and trail mix.

The Week of the Young Child, an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), focuses public attention on the needs of young children and their families and recognizes the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

Quality early childhood education is essential to the development of young children. Studies show that children who complete preschool programs were significantly more advanced in key areas of development, including language and literacy, creativity, music and movement, initiative and social skills. A child's ability to pay attention, stay focused and follow directions emerges in these early years, and structured early learning fosters these abilities for later success in school and life. Rainbow Corner addresses these key areas of early development and prepares young children of all abilities for success in Kindergarten and throughout the years to follow.



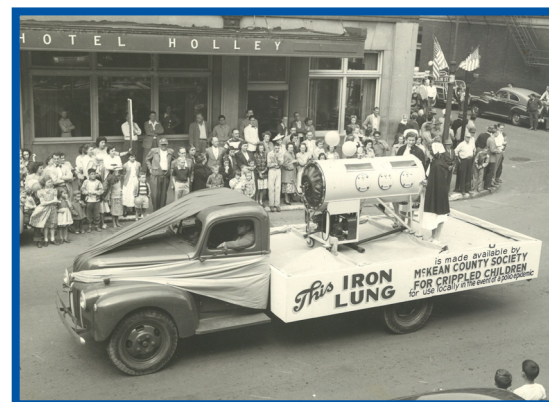
Pictured above: From left, CARE for Children Rainbow Corner Preschool students Leo Petteys, age 3; Elliana Deforno, age 4; and Ambrose Corah, age 4 are pictured at camp with Alexis Close, M.Ed., preschool teacher, during the Week of the Young Child.

Helping Kids Grow Since 1924

This year marks CARE for Children's 100th Anniversary of providing services in McKean County and the surrounding region.

Looking back at a snapshot of CARE's history... In 1949, the Rotary Club of Bradford purchased an Iron Lung for the McKean County Society of Crippled Children. An Iron Lung was a machine that could help patients with respiration, pulling air into and out of the lungs by changing pressure in an airtight metal box. They were used during the polio epidemic.

To read more on the history of CARE for Children, visit www.careforchildren.info/who-we-are/ or visit CARE's Facebook page for weekly historical posts and pictures throughout the year.



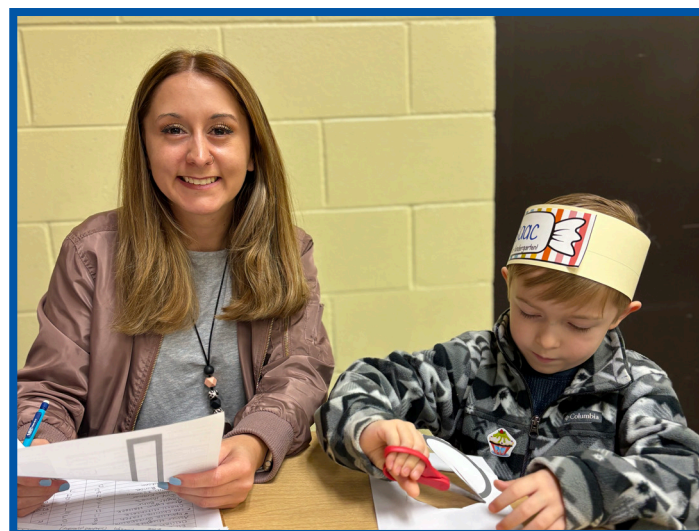
THERAPEUTIC RECREATION and COMMUNITY EVENTS



Top left: Jonah Schmidt, age 20, DeAnn Persichini, COTA/L, occupational therapy assistant, and Trey Dillaman, age 16, take a break from bowling at Byllye Lanes in February. Special thanks to Coach Tina Phillips and members of the Pitt-Bradford Softball team for volunteering at the event.

Top Right: Sterling Shugars, age 11, along with Janice Glose, a volunteer Lounsbury Adaptive Ski Program instructor, get ready to hit the slopes at CARE's Adaptive Ski Clinic at Holiday Valley in February. The outing was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Port Allegany.

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



Morgan Zaffino, M.S., CCC-SLP, speech and language pathologist, conducts a fine motor screening at GGB Elementary School during Kindergarten Registration in April.



CARE staff members were on hand at the McKean County Community Fest at the Bradford YMCA in April. CARE had a safety display at the event, and staff also helped provide free developmental screenings.

Car Seat Safety Checks & Child Bike Helmet Fittings Thursday, June 13th ~ 10am-2pm

Ashley Booth Griffin CARE for Children Center~ 723 East Main Street, Bradford, PA

Free & Open to the Public

CARE for Children Tribute Gifts

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February 1st through April 30th, 2024

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Bette Carney
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In Honor of:

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Julie Marasco
Johnny Mike Miller
Trevor James Pecora
Kimberly Ann Price
Todd Michael Price
Jonah Schmidt
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Make a tribute gift to CARE for Children for any event or occasion:

*Holiday * Birthday * Anniversary*

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To order a Memorial or Honorarium

Phone: the CARE office at 814-362-4621 (the card will be mailed within one business day)

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The recipient(s) will receive a special, printed card acknowledging the gift made in their honor or in memory of their loved one.

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CARE for Children Annual Fund



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- ____ Please keep my gift anonymous.

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Sunday, August 4th, 2024
CARE 'fore' Children Golf Tournament
Pennhills Club - Bradford, PA
Registration begins June 1st