

Spring 2022

CARE for Children

www.careforchildren.info

NEWS



Need for Early Intervention Services Increases

CARE for Children, a long-standing provider of Early Intervention Services, wants to raise awareness that infancy through early childhood are the most critical learning years; and community screenings for delays provide an important safety net for babies and toddlers.

Early Intervention services focus on skills that babies and toddlers typically develop during the first three years of life but because of a developmental delay or disability the child is not meeting certain developmental benchmarks that may include cognitive difficulties, physical delays, and/or social/emotional, self-help, or communication skills that are not at age level.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, “as many as 1 in 4 children are at risk for developmental delay, and universal early childhood screening provides an opportunity to identify delays early and intervene during the most critical period of development.”

“It’s vitally important to continue efforts to identify and treat delays in children, especially as we move through the Pandemic,” said Ashley Carlson, Pediatric Therapy Services Director. “EI services have been somewhat limited the last two years because families and providers worried about possible

COVID-19 exposure.

We are concerned that some children may have been under-served or go unidentified.”



Emmett, age 2, is screened with an evaluation tool by Kimberly Engstrom, M.Ed., preschool director and Early Intervention special instructor, while his mom, Lauren looks on.

The United Way of the Bradford Area recently awarded quarterly Community Impact funding to CARE for Children to actively encourage referrals to the McKean County Birth to Three Early Intervention Program. The McKean County Child Find Committee, which is comprised of county officials, service coordinators, and service providers like CARE for Children, work together to promote Early Intervention and the grant will support Child Find activities.

The committee met in May to assemble Early Intervention bags to give to families with babies and toddlers at community events. The grant funding was used to purchase the bags and include a child safety item, safe sleep board book, toothbrushes and materials on the Early Intervention program and developmental milestones. The grant also funded marketing initiatives.

If you know a child who is having difficulty walking, talking or reaching other milestones, please contact CARE for Children at 814-362-4621, the McKean County Infant/Toddler Early Intervention office at 814-975-1221, or call the CONNECT Help Line at 1-800-692-7288.



Pictured (left to right): Sarah Lonzi, executive director, United Way of the Bradford Area; and EI Child Find Committee members, Ashley Carlson, MOT, OTR/L, pediatric therapy services director, CARE for Children; Karen Abbott, Developmental Disabilities Program, McKean County Department of Human Services; and Rhonda Austin, supervisor of Early Intervention, The Guidance Center.

Rainbow Corner Preschool Celebrates Spring



Therapeutic Recreation



Preschool top left: Hudson, age 4, made slime to go along with the book *Put Me in the Zoo* during one of the spring virtual STEM enrichment programs. Top middle: Miss Alexis and her students conducted an experiment with mixing colors to make a rainbow. Top right: Audree, age 3, showed off her artistic talents during “Week of the Young Child’s” Artsy Thursday.

Therapeutic Rec middle: Sterling Shugars, age 9, enjoyed superhero themed crafts during CARE’s “SUPER Fun” rec program in April; and detective-in-training Jay Newcombe, age 10, worked to crack codes, uncover hidden clues, and reveal secret messages during the “Spies Like Us” rec program in March.

CARE for Children’s Virtual Spring Therapeutic Recreation programs were generously sponsored by an anonymous donor. Staffing is funded in part by the United Way of the Bradford Area, Inc.

Kindergarten Bicycle Safety Program

McKean County Partner

**SAFE
K:DS**
PENNSYLVANIA



Safe Kids bottom: CARE Speech-Language Pathologist, Kylie Battin, M.S., CCC-SLP, fit a bicycle helmet on a student at GGB Elementary School in Bradford. During the month of May, CARE and the McKean County Partnership of Safe Kids Pennsylvania visited Bradford, Port Allegany, Smethport, Otto-Eldred, and Kane school districts to conduct Kindergarten Bicycle Safety Programs and helmet fittings.

Grant funding for the bike safety program was provided by the PA Department of Health Preventative Health and Health Services Block Grant through Safe Kids Pennsylvania, the Port Allegany and Smethport Campaigns for United Way, and the Kane United Fund.

CARE for Children Tribute Gifts

MEMORIALS

February 1st through April 30th, 2022

In Memory of

Paul Anderson

Tom Bowes

Peter J. Buchheit

Ryan Buchsenschutz

Charlene Butler

Bruce Campbell

John Carson

Kara Close

Sherry Colella

Bonnie Connor

Tony Danias

Rebecca Davis

Lynn DeGolier

Ralph Detweiler

Grace Dolan

Cindy Dubots

John Egbert

Marlene Ericson

Jordan Evan

Shirley Feeley

Leilani 'Loni' Fesenmyer

June Fuller

Vicki Garvin

Paul Glander

Vera Jean Glander

Louise Godding McCormack

Tina Goetz

Mabel Haag

Craig Hart

Kara Hart

Stephen Haskell

Kevin Healy

Leon Hillyard

Megan Hogand

Randy Holsinger

Thomas Kautz

Ron Kloss

Nita Kohler

Dr. Edward Konwinski

Given by

Amy, Lindsey and Chloe Bay; CARE for Children and Rainbow Corner Preschool; Anne and Jeff Hardy; Patricia Hitchcock; H & R Block Staff; Bob and Sue Lineman; Shirley and Paul Madison; Mary Martin; Sue Martin; Tina Martin; Dave, Kathy and Matthew Moonan; Tom and Ann Morris; Richard and Maureen Peruginelli; Ron and Sue Shaffer

Ron and Bonnie Booth & Family; CARE for Children and Rainbow Corner Preschool; Shelly Crissman Hannon; Patti DeFrank; Craig, Kimberly and Elias Engstrom; Joan Mansour

Greg and Cherie Booth; Ron and Bonnie Booth & Family; CARE for Children Board of Directors; Tina, Val, Leslie, and CARE for Children Staff; Dave and Nancy Fuhrman and Family; Sam Sylvester; Pat Woodruff & Family

CARE for Children

CARE for Children; Kevin and Judy Fox; The Tuesday Luncheon Group; Tina Martin and Max Paterniti; Ron and Terri Orris; Bob and Peggy Scarpitti; Louise Stoltz; The Webster Family

Ron and Kathy Symington

Greg and Cherie Booth; Ron and Bonnie Booth & Family; Marcian and Cheryl (Bauschard) Bouchard; Lee Eliason; Dave and Nancy Fuhrman & Family; Jane and Lou Luzzi; Tina Martin; Mary Martin; Mike Martin and Debbie Curtin; Sue Martin; Phyllis Sylvester; Julie Wilson

Gene and Helen DeFrank

Barry and Francy Anderson; Greg and Cherie Booth; Jane and Lou Luzzi; Mick and Michele Marshall & Family; Sue Martin; Sharon Zampogna, Brandon Means and Sal Luzzi

Dick and Donna Payne; Janet Roll

Marcian and Cheryl (Bauschard) Bouchard

CARE for Children Staff; Lewis Keller & Family; Tina Martin; Lou and Mary Kay Sokoly

Gene and Helen DeFrank

CARE for Children; Gene and Helen DeFrank; Jim and Karen Gelston; Patricia Hitchcock; Tina Martin; Madeline Miles; Debbie Price; Pat Woodruff & Family; John and Gwendelyn Yerk

Ron and Terri Orris

Lee Eliason

Marcian and Cheryl (Bauschard) Bouchard; Mike and Susan Carlson; Steven and Flora Cohen; Mick and Michele Marshall & Family; Ron and Terri Orris

Marcian and Cheryl (Bauschard) Bouchard

Doris Hungiville; Jean Hungiville; Richard and Janna Hungiville; Jane and Steve Mastaitis

Eric and Lisa Schellhammer

Marcian and Cheryl (Bauschard) Bouchard; Steven and Flora Cohen

Greg and Cherie Booth

Shelly Crissman Hannon; Patti Tracy DeFrank

Robbie Carter & Family

Patti Neidich

Lewis and Luanne Keller

Greg and Cherie Booth

Lewis Keller & Family

Marcian and Cheryl (Bauschard) Bouchard

Jeff and Val Coast; Chuck and Deanna Gern; Jerry and Harrijane Moore; Bill and Debbie Taylor

Patti Neidich

Greg and Cherie Booth; Joan Mansour; Sam Sylvester

Todd Busses Inc.; Todd Busses Employees

Dave and Nancy Fuhrman & Family; Mick Marshall and Marshall Insurance Staff

Greg and Cherie Booth; Ron and Bonnie Booth

Robbie Carter & Family

Ron and Terri Orris

Lou and Mary Kay Sokoly

Marcian and Cheryl (Bauschard) Bouchard

MEMORIALS

February 1st through April 30th, 2022

In Memory of

Matt Kostelac
Kim Little Robinson
"Lucas"
Bill Macfarlane
Mike Matto

Guy McCormack
Herbert McMurtrie
Tom Meacham
Jack Miller
Norris "Tink" Moore
Ross Neidich
Frances "Fran" Nickel
Jay Notarianni
Sisters of Olivia Winner
Patricia Persichini
Andy Pingie
Daniel Powers
Tony Reese
Janet Rexford
Kimberly L. Robinson
Bob Ruffner
Jim Ryan
Duane Saunders

Kent Shannon
Betty Shaw
Barbara Shufan
Mike Smith
Charles and Donna Sprague
Robert Stoltz Sr.
James F. Sullivan
Doug J. Taylor
Julie Todd Raymond
Sue Vigliotti
Elizabeth "Betty" Westerburg
H.L. "Woody" Woodruff
Beverly Young

Given by

Ron and Bonnie Booth
Shelly Crissman
Jim and Karen Gelston
Louise Stoltz
Todd and Sharon Bridge; Richard and Ann Cavallero; CARE for Children; Mary Ann Crissman; Becky Danias & Family; Pat Hannon; Patricia Hitchcock; Jane Larson and Gary Bentley; Madeline Miles; Lou and Angela Monti; Patti Neidich, Joette Johnson, Robin and Greg Pavone; Frank Phillips Family; American Legion Post 108; Jim and Marsha Shannon; Emily and Dan Zinsner
Mike and Patty Gamble
Todd and Sharon Bridge
Greg and Cherie Booth
Lewis Keller & Family
June and Jake Carley
Mike and Susan Carlson
Beverly Housler; Mick Marshall and Marshall Insurance Staff; Ron and Terri Orris
Tina Martin
Mary Winner
Mark and Cathy Davis and the Carroll Family
Lynn and Bonnie Rowe
Zippo Manufacturing Company Employees
Ron and Terri Orris
Joan Mansour
Louise Stoltz
Ron and Terri Orris
Ron and Terri Orris
Ron and Bonnie Booth; Marcian and Cheryl (Bauschard) Bouchard; Bradford Club Staff; Jan Brown and Mary Sue Golen; Mike and Susan Carlson; Rich Johnson; Thomas and Susan Oliphant; Ron and Terri Orris; Fred and Barbara Smith
Shelly Crissman Hannon; Karolyn Graves
June Carley
Chuck and Deanna Gern; Ron and Kathy Symington
Tina Martin
Susan Sprague
Louise Stoltz & Family
Sue and Nick Frampton
Todd and Sharon Bridge & Family
Tom and Kim Ball; CARE for Children Board and Staff; Jeff and Val Coast
Diane, Bill, Brian and Bob Galey; Karolyn Graves
Robert and Tammie Hannon; Pat and Colleen Scervo
Marcian and Cheryl (Bauschard) Bouchard
Tom and Kim Ball

HONORARIUMS

February 1st through April 30th, 2022

In Honor of:

Carolyn Jarrett
Tim, Stephanie and Olivia Kellner
Jean Martin
Johnny Mike Miller
Lou and Angela Monti
Preston Taylor

Given by:

Dr. and Mrs. Anil G. Pradhan
David and Marcia Rimer
Robert and Tammie Hannon
Barbara Reid
Jeff and Anne Hardy
Bill and Debbie Taylor

DONATIONS IN MEMORY

February 1st through April 30th, 2022

Donations In Memory of:

Julianna Rose Barton
David 'Gus' Carley
Leo and Jessie Gallina & Philip and Marcia Gallina
Don Girard
Tom Girard
Ashley Booth Griffin
Middalia Kan
Jimmy Kan
Colin Koos
Ann, Dennis, Jimmy, and Leo Lyons
Mary Ann Maduri
James Martin
Steven Martin
Andy Middlebrough
Jack Mongillo
Frederick J. Moricca III
Jim Reid

Given by:

Bob and Kathy Stidd
The Carley Family
Reverend Leo J. Gallina
Ron and Terri Orris
Ron and Terri Orris
Greg and Cherie Booth
Mary Kinney and William Summerson
Nikki, Phillip, Pops, Katy & Kyla
David and Marcia Rimer
Prime Media LLC, Pat Lyons
Frank and Kathy Maduri
Michael Martin and Debbie Curtin
Michael Martin and Debbie Curtin
Jan and Steve Middlebrough
Beth Mongillo
E & M Engineers and Surveyors, P.C.
Barbara Reid

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 2022 ANNUAL FUND

Since 1924, CARE for Children has built positive, lasting connections for children and families in homes, schools, and the community.

Building Connections, this year's annual fund theme, is a great descriptor for the work done every day at CARE. For therapists, teachers and staff, building and maintaining connections with families and children helps them establish rapport, build positive relationships and better individualize services. Funds raised through the Annual Fund help support specialized, pediatric therapy services, so there is never any charge to families. Other free services include family support, wheelchair and adaptive equipment fittings, therapeutic recreation, and a special assistance fund to help with travel to medical visits, adaptive equipment like ramps or specialized strollers, and emergency food and clothing.

CARE for Children's 2022 Annual Fund, **Building Connections**, has been underway since early March. This year's goal of \$52,000 is ambitious, but thanks to the generosity of our donors the annual fund campaign has raised \$40,000 through mid-May, which is **77% to goal**.

If you have not made a contribution to this year's Annual Fund, we hope you will consider a gift by June 30th to ensure CARE continues to offer high quality programs and services for children of all abilities and build long-lasting connections with families and children we serve.



CARE Physical Therapist Dana Pence, PT (center) is pictured with CARE kids Frankie, age 12, and Kailey, age 7, along with members of the Pitt-Bradford softball team in September 2021.

CARE for Children
P.O. Box 616
Bradford, PA 16701
814-362-4621
FAX: 814-362-1066
e-mail: care@careforchildren.info

Non-Profit Org.
US Postage
PAID
Permit No. 029
Bradford, PA
16701

Return Service Requested

Board of Directors

Tyler R. Hannah, *President*
Anne M. Hardy, *Vice President*
Joseph Yaros, *Treasurer*
Thomas E. Ball, *Secretary*

Greg Booth
Alla Marie 'Bunny' Comilla
Karen Gelston
Fred Graham
Richard S. Johnson
Lynne Kuntz
Joe Lashway
Mick Marshall
Deborah Price
Norm Strotman



Services & Programs

Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Speech-Language Pathology
Early Intervention Services
School-Based Therapy
Social Work/Family Support
Rainbow Corner Preschool
Developmental Screenings
Therapeutic Recreation & Respite
Adaptive Equipment Clinics
Pediatric Equipment Loan
Community Outreach
Child Safety & Injury Prevention
McKean County Cribs for Kids

Executive Director:
Tina M. Martin

Save-the-Date



Sunday, August 7th, 2022
CARE 'fore' Children 29th Annual Golf Tournament
Pine Acres Country Club