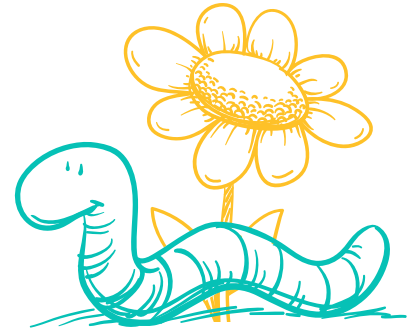




The Nursery Rhyme

MISSION STATEMENT:
to provide affordable
quality child care
for a diverse community



A Message from Cynthia Pearson
PRESIDENT / CEO

Have you heard the news?
Day Nursery is Expanding!

It's official, Day Nursery of Abilene is expanding. For the last two years a collaborative community child care partnership has been under discussion with Hendrick Medical Center, Hardin-Simmons University and the Day Nursery of Abilene. The generosity of local foundations and other granting sources made the necessary funding commitments to get the project started in 2019 to make modifications to the old College Heights Elementary School into a child care facility.

The work is beginning with hopes to have the center open later in 2019. A waiting list will be generated a few months out as well as hiring for approximately 30 child care center staff positions.

These are exciting times as Day Nursery of Abilene, Hardin Simmons University and Hendrick Medical Center join hands to pioneer this venture together. To be a part of the excitement, you too



can participate! For brief information on how, see the Abilene Gives section of this newsletter. The success and growth of the Day Nursery of Abilene is because of the generosity shown to our organization by donors, foundations and businesses in our community. Thank you for giving. What you do makes a difference...one child at a time!

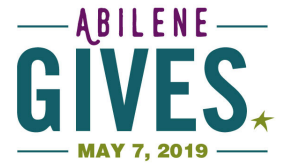
Cynthia Pearson



Its back....the 10th Annual Putt "Fore" Children Event returns to Day Nursery!

The Day Nursery of Abilene will hold its 10th annual Putt "Fore" Children event in October 2019 at the Primetime Entertainment Center. Many of you missed it when it was decided to postpone the event last year so that Day Nursery could celebrate its 45 years. 45 reasons. event instead. Have no fear...dust off your putters and start practicing because October 5th will be here before we know it!

Your Gift Matters on May 7



On Tuesday, May 7th the Day Nursery of Abilene will participate in the 3rd annual Abilene Gives campaign. This community-wide giving day is a GREAT way to support causes you love like the Day Nursery of Abilene!

Beginning at midnight, the 24-hours of giving will begin for 2019 and will end at 11:59pm. Community Foundation of Abilene is leading the effort again.

Please consider a gift to the Day Nursery as a selected charity for the 2019 Abilene Gives campaign. Every gift made that day through www.abilenegives.org increases Day Nursery's chance of winning extra cash prizes and awards for participation.

A minimum donation of \$10 allows you to participate while a gift of \$25 to Day Nursery will fund the purchase of a new book (and include the donor's name) for our new center. Day Nursery's board of director's has set a goal of \$20,000 which will allow the purchase of 800 books.

Advanced giving will also be allowed this year beginning on April 29th through May 3rd. If you prefer to give in that manner, you may use the envelope provided in this newsletter to mail your check to Day Nursery made out to "Abilene Gives" with Day

Nursery's name noted in the memo. We will deliver these contributions on the giving day to the Community Foundation of Abilene. Otherwise gifts given on May 7th through the Abilene Gives website www.abilenegives.org will benefit Day Nursery and this exciting expansion project.

For up to date information, watch for postings on Day Nursery's Facebook and Twitter pages for updates before and during this one-day event. Please be sure to like, comment, share and retweet to increase Day Nursery's exposure. Last year, because of YOU and your generosity, Day Nursery exceeded its fundraising goal. THANK YOU for making a difference...one child at a time! #AbileneGives



Celebratory events were a success!

Day Nursery celebrated two significant milestones during 2018 both in the late fall. The first was the 25th anniversary of the Day Nursery of Abilene, Cedar Street center. A special ribbon cutting by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce Red Coats kicked off the celebration. Before releasing 25 balloons, the children planted a tree to signify the growth of the center over the past 25 years. The Cedar Street Center was a result of Day Nursery's first capital campaign in the early 1990s. The center officially opened in August 1993. It was dedicated in honor of founding Executive Director, Bea Ganson before she retired at the end of 1993. We were honored to have Bea as well as other community representatives present for the celebratory event!

Secondly Day Nursery celebrated 45 years. 45 reasons. with a fun event in November. There were 45 different stories of successes resulting from 45 years of child care service to Abilene children and their families. Day Nursery of Abilene shared these successes with



attendees during the "Duelling Pianos, Pies and Southern Skies" celebration event. Hundreds of attendees packed the 201 Mesquite Event Center to enjoy dinner by the Shed and a great dueling piano show performed by the Killer Duelling Pianos duo (from Austin/Fort Worth). It was so much fun that the board has determined it to be a repeatable event in 2020! Stay tuned for these updates.

dueling PIANOS, PIES & southern skies

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2019 New Board Members

Day Nursery of Abilene appreciates the community expertise of each member committed to the organization's mission. Newly elected board members include: Todd Church, Blue Cross-Blue Shield; Will Duncan, Jacob & Martin Engineering; Jason Hernandez, Insurance Agent/Dance Choreographer; Jordan Light, Realtor/Agent; Gae Lynn McInroe, Associate Professor/McMurry University; Garrett Smith, CPA/Condley and Company; and Cameron Wiley, USAF/Dyess Airforce Base.

Board leadership for 2019 includes Vicki Hayhurst, Chair; Dason Williams, Past Chair; Staci Benavides, Vice Chair; Cheryl Cunningham, Secretary; Tave Kelly Treasurer; and members-at-large: Travis Craver, Jonathan Moore, and Zach Reyes.

Other returning members include Vicki Arthur, Wade Ashby, Paula Clowdus, Jeff Dressen, Cathy Gray, Tip Matthews, Molly Moser, Melody Roper, and Panissa Williams.



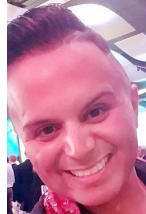
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