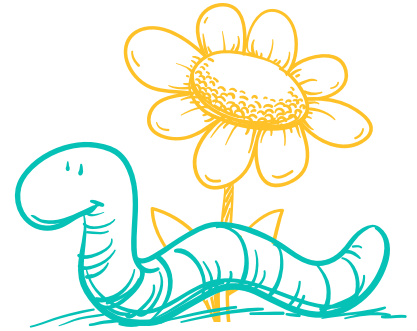




# The Nursery Rhyme

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



ABILENE  
**GIVES** ★  
MAY 1, 2018



What are you doing starting at midnight on May 1st? #Abilene Gives is a GREAT way to begin your day or end it if you're a night owl!

Starting at 12:00am, the 24-hours of giving campaign repeat performance for 2018 will take place on Tuesday, May 1st. The online giving event hosted by the Community Foundation of Abilene is designed to empower every person to give back to their community.

We hope that you will add the Day Nursery of Abilene to your selection of local charities to receive a gift from you during #AbileneGives. Every gift made that day through [www.abilenegives.org](http://www.abilenegives.org) increases Day Nursery's chance of winning extra cash prizes and awards for participation. While a minimum donation of \$10 allows you to participate, we hope you will consider funding a day of child care at Day Nursery for a donation of \$25.

This year, you can also schedule your gift in advance of the giving day starting from April 24th through April 30th. Use the envelope provided 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 on the giving day to the Community Foundation of Abilene.

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 secured extra prizes and amplification dollars! Remember May 1st, #AbileneGives, Day Nursery of Abilene. From the bottom of Day Nursery's heart, we THANK YOU!!



"Always a fun time at Day Nursery"  
~ Maureen Cadjew  
(former staff, parent and grandparent)

## A Message from Cynthia Pearson

**PRESIDENT / CEO**

45 years ago, the Day Nursery of Abilene as it "stands" today opened its first child care center under the leadership of founding executive director, Bea Ganson. The original center, licensed for 25 children soon expanded to 50 children due to an immediate waiting list. And that has never changed. Since that first day, Day Nursery has continued to attract a waiting list and expanding its operations more than once in effort to address the community's need for child care. Today the Day Nursery is proud to be a well-known, well-established non-profit, child care provider, the City's largest, most comprehensive child care program. It operates in three child care centers with a capacity of nearly 500 children each day so that 300+ families work or attend school in 40 local businesses that employ them. Children from birth through age 10 years old attend the child care centers.

The Cedar Street Center will celebrate its 25th year of operation in August. It resulted from the board's first capital campaign following a feasibility study conducted by a student research group at ACU supporting the need for a child care center in downtown Abilene. That successful campaign led to two additional capital expansion activities supported by the generosity of a carry community and a mission focused on providing affordable child care for a diverse community.

And most recently, Day Nursery's first fundraising event, the Annual Mexican Dinner celebrated its 25th year.

Yes, 2018 is indeed a celebratory year for the Day Nursery of Abilene!

*Cynthia Pearson*



## 25th Annual Mexican Dinner

The Day Nursery of Abilene held its 25th Annual Mexican Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, March 24th in the West Cafeteria at Abilene High School. This was the "silver" anniversary of this event. Proceeds support the agency's nonprofit child care program and center activities. The cost of a ticket this year was equivalent to the cost of meals (breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks) provided for each child attending Day Nursery and we do this because of the generosity of others and without charging any extra fees charged to parents. Thanks to generous support from the community, our underwriters, table sponsors, in-kind donations, volunteers, our lead, Anna Sigala and Taco Bueno!





### THUMBS UP TO ALL THE SPONSORS, VOLUNTEERS, AND PATRONS FOR MAKING THE 25TH ANNUAL MEXICAN DINNER FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS!

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## Children's Program Highlights



Snow Day



Spring Break



Dr. Seuss Day



Easter

"I am blessed to have found  
Day Nursery of Abilene! I am  
happy knowing my children  
are in great hands with  
people who truly care and  
love them" ~ Analicia Jio



## STAFF HIGHLIGHTS



Professional Development Day  
February 20, 2018

## EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR



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Cedar  
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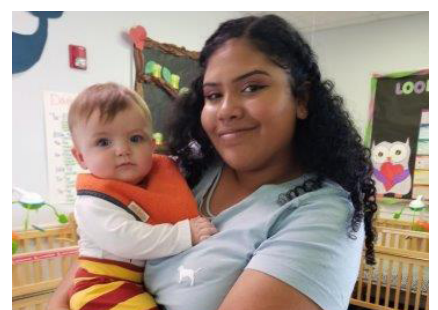


JULIE  
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Students at "work"



## 2018 New Board Members

Day Nursery of Abilene appreciates the community expertise of each member committed to the organization's mission. Board leadership for 2018 includes Dason Williams, Board Chair; Vicki Hayhurst, Vice Chair; Cheryl Cunningham, Secretary; Luke Pinson, Treasurer; and members-at-large: Jonathan Moore, Molly Moser, and Zach Reyes. Newly elected board members include: Wade Ashby, Hardin-Simmons University; Staci Benavides, The Toro Company; Travis Craver, Hardin-Simmons University; Cathy Gray, Community Volunteer; Tave Kelly, Hendrick Medical Center; Tip Matthews, Battles Home Improvement; Melody Roper, McMurry University and Alex Trobe, Dyess Airforce Base.

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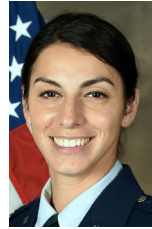
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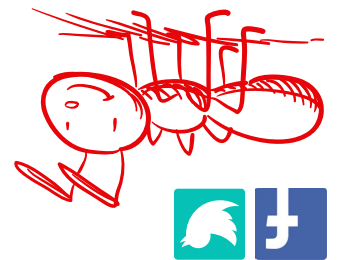
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DNA children announce United Way's 2018 campaign goal!



Santa paid a visit to Day Nursery to deliver grant funding



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