



The Nursery Rhyme

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



Dueling Pianos Valentine's Day Event deemed successful!

Day Nursery's repeat of a dueling pianos, but this time for Valentine's Day 2020 was a success! Molly Moser, event co-chair along with Panissa Williams said it best when she described the event as having over 300 people gathered to sing, dance and most of all support all the incredible things that Day Nursery of Abilene does for our community!

Other committee members, Vicki Arthur, Tip Matthews, Gae Lynn McInroe, Jonathan Moore and Melody Roper added to the event's success. It was all hands-on deck by the rest of the Board who were there to, set up, serve, sell roses, manage check in as well as mingle with the great supporters, guests and sponsors of Day Nursery of Abilene's mission and program.



The Ko Sari men from McMurry University were onsite to assist where needed. Special thanks to event vendors, The Killer Dueling Pianos who again provided much laughter and fun during the event, The Shed Market for a scrumptious meal, local bakers for the desserts, 83 Entertainment/Omar Ortiz, for sound/lighting, beverages by The Warehouse and special thanks to Stan West, photographer and Oddly Natural for a video presentation. The video highlighted a very special family, Arlo and his mother Acacia whose story moved the audience to exceed Day Nursery's goal to raise an additional \$10,000 in donations that night! Each attendee received a Valentine handmade by a child attending one of the Day Nursery of Abilene centers as a takeaway.

See our list of incredible sponsors whose financial investment helped to underwrite the costs associated with the event. They are truly the heart of our organization and we are grateful for each one!

If you missed the event and would like to contribute to Day Nursery you may text DNA to 41444 or use the enclosed envelope to mail in your check. Each donation makes a difference...one child at a time and we are grateful!



A Message from Cynthia Pearson

PRESIDENT / CEO

The 2020 Year has certainly been off to an eventful start at the Day Nursery of Abilene! The opening of our new Orange Street Center took place in January, a very successful Valentine's Day, Dueling Pianos event in February and then immediately following spring break adventures, all things COVID-19 in March!



Day Nursery has taken every precaution and is committed to remain open as long as we are allowed as an essential business providing care for working parents. Coronavirus doesn't stop us; it pushes us into action! We have continued to work hard to answer the call for assuring a safe, healthy environment to meet the child care necessities of the Abilene community. Day Nursery has stepped up its practices and heeded to every regulation as outlined by our program regulators, City leaders, State and Nation. In addition, Day Nursery extended the school break for elementary age children during spring break in mid-March not just once, but twice and now indefinitely. Our staff is doing an amazing job rolling up their sleeves to respond accordingly and get the job done!

I'm reminded of the traditional greeting of the Masai warriors acknowledging the high value placed on the well-being of their children. It was a tradition of their tribe to state, "all the children are well" to indicate that life is good if the children are well. At Day Nursery we will adopt that phrase because in these times of unpredictability of all that is going on around us, life is good in 2020 and "all the children are well!"



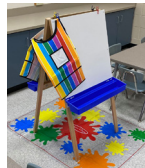
A "New Day" in the Neighborhood

On January 20, 2020 the Day Nursery of Abilene, Orange Street Center (between N. Beech and Orange Streets on N. 17th) became the official home for 150 children. The new center is housed in the old College Heights Elementary school building. Donors were treated to a sneak preview before the center opened to see the results of their gifts and grants.

This center is the result of a collaborative partnership between Day Nursery of Abilene, the child care provider/operator; Hendrick Medical Center, the landlord and partner; and Hardin-Simmons University, idea partner and program innovator.

An official grand opening and ribbon cutting to include the Abilene Chamber Red Coat Ambassadors has had to be postponed for the time being to assure the compliance with all COVID-19 requirements. Once a new date is set, it will be communicated.

We express our heartfelt gratitude to the community and funders who made this multi-year dream a reality. Together with our project partners, we are pioneers!



Abilene Gives

Day Nursery of Abilene will participate in the 2020 Abilene Gives campaign beginning at midnight on Tuesday, May 5th. This 4th annual community-wide, 24-hour giving day is a GREAT way to support causes you love like the Day Nursery of Abilene!



In light of this year's pandemic, your giving is extremely helpful and makes a difference, now more than ever! Day Nursery asks donors to consider funding a day of child care, a \$30 donation, or if interested, a week of child care is \$150. Timely for the 2020 campaign is the newly enacted CARES Act which creates a \$300 "nonitemizer" tax deduction for the 2020 tax year!



Those donors who prefer to give by check may do so by using the envelope provided in this newsletter and mailing the check to Day Nursery. Make checks payable to "Abilene Gives" and note Day Nursery's name in the memo. We will deliver these contributions on the giving day to the Community Foundation of Abilene.

Your online gifts given on May 5th for Abilene Gives will benefit Day Nursery. www.abilenegives.org

Day Nursery prior years' campaigns were successful because of YOU and your generosity. THANK YOU for making a difference...one child at a time!
#AbileneGives #NowMoreThanEver

A new Day in the neighborhood

Day Nursery of Abilene
College Heights renewed

Thank you to our partners and funders for their generous project support

- AEP - Texas
- Anonymous (3)
- Barber Foundation
- City of Abilene/COBG funding
- Community Foundation of Abilene - Fall Grant Cycle
- Day Nursery of Abilene
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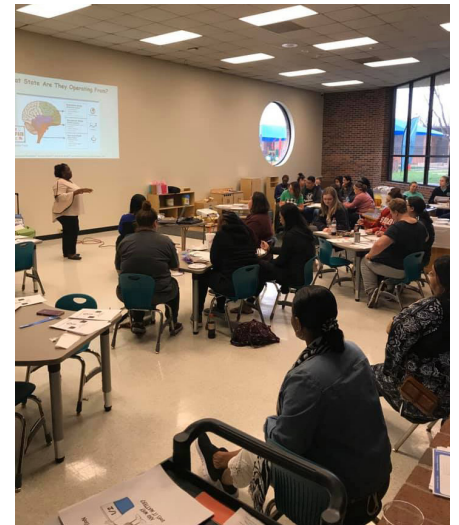
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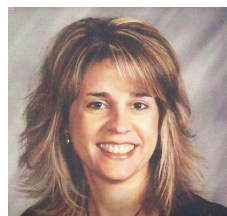
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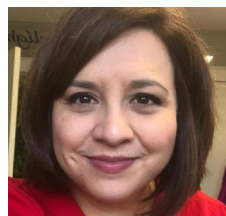
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Day Nursery of Abilene welcomes new members to its 2020 Board of Trustees. These new members include: Dr. Kristina Campos-Davis, Hardin-Simmons University; Grant Seabourne, First Financial Trust and Asset Mgmt Co. and Dr. Kam Zinsser, Educator/Community Volunteer.



Dr. Kam Zinsser



Dr. Kristina Campos-Davis



Grant Seabourne

Board leadership for 2020 includes Vicki Hayhurst, Chair; Molly Moser, Vice Chair; Paula Clowdus, Secretary; Tave Kelly, Treasurer; and members-at-large: Staci Benavides, Cheryl Cunningham, and Jonathan Moore. Other returning members include Will Duncan, Cathy Gray, Jason Hernandez, Dr. Gae Lynn McInroe, Tip Matthews, Melody Roper, Garrett Smith, and Cameron Wiley.

With sadness we bid farewell to Vicki Arthur, Panissa and Dason Williams who rotated off the board following their completion of two, 3-year terms. We are grateful for their commitment and leadership of Day Nursery!



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