



The Nursery Rhyme

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



Day Nursery of Abilene named Non Profit of the Year

The Day Nursery of Abilene is honored to have recently been named as “Non-Profit of the Year” by the Abilene Chamber of Commerce during their fall Annual Membership Event. Thank you to the dedication of a great team at the Day Nursery of Abilene, the continued efforts of providing affordable quality child care for a diverse community as our stated mission is recognized and appreciated by the leadership in our community.

During this year Day Nursery’s staff have truly exemplified what it means and requires to be leaders in the early childhood community. The Governor of Texas issued an executive order that child care be considered an essential industry and that child care providers were only permitted to provide child care services for those of essential workers. Day Nursery’s staff jumped into action because that is what we do!

Additionally, our centers continued offering fulltime care for enrolled elementary school children following spring break when all local schools closed. Day Nursery staff provided a “homeschool” teaching environment with online and in center instruction through the end of the traditional “school year”. And all of this while maneuvering through the ins/outs of daily health checks, even more handwashing and sanitizing plus the extra requirements put in place because of the fluid and ever changing global COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you, Day Nursery of Abilene staff, for your continued call to duty each and every day and thank you to our community for the continued support and acknowledgment. We could not do this without you! We love “our village”!



A Message from Cynthia Pearson

PRESIDENT / CEO

2020

has certainly been one of the most interesting years ever! We thought (or certainly hoped!) that by now the COVID-19 would be a thing of the past, yet it is not. We are now hopeful that we can just all get through the end of 2020 and never have to face any of that again. But we probably won't!

Lessons we have learned through the challenges of this "year of the COVID-19 pandemic" are all priceless. We've learned that our staff have an unbelievable commitment level to the children in our care, their safety, health and well-being. And that they are extremely flexible taking on extra requirements and constant changes, 100% committed to their jobs and rising above to meet the continued need of child care for working families in our community. They are dedicated employees! Day Nursery is proud to make great strides toward retaining our most important asset, our people and at the same time invest in and attract great talent in the early childhood marketplace to continue moving forward.

We also learned that our community is faithful to support the Day Nursery regardless of the times and in spite of so many needs in our community. For that we are overwhelmed and grateful!

We learned that our reputation as an organization and an industry is a treasured asset and valued by others as the foundation for working families and integral to the economic development of our city. Day Nursery works tirelessly to exceed the expectations of those we serve, meet our commitments, and deliver excellence in our community.

By meeting the child care needs of our community and embracing our clients, we will build stronger, lasting relationships that will yield long term results for children, families, businesses, and community. Through it all, it is evident that people can count on the Day Nursery of Abilene!

Warm Regards,



Program Highlights

Day Nursery's Summer Camp

"Adventure Camp 2020" for the elementary age children was completed just before children went back to school. School ready celebrations looked a bit different in 2020 due to COVID and although moved to late summer before heading off to school instead of in May as in years past, they still went off without a bang!



The PreK Classes

celebrated the school-readiness of their PreK scholars all of which started Kindergarten in the 2020/21 school year. With the explosion of students in Day Nursery's after school program, four additional vans were purchased within the last year to replace those in our aging fleet. We are grateful for the grant funds provided by the Community Foundation of Abilene donors, as well as others who contribute to offering quality programming for all ages of children served.

Infants and Toddlers are business as normal as they learn, grow and develop!



MAKING A DIFFERENCE... ONE CHILD AT A TIME!

Generosity of our donors, April - October 2020

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**The Day Nursery of Abilene is
grateful to each and every donor!**

STAFF RECOGNITION



Following 41 years of service to Day
Nursery, **Olivia Rivera** retired in 2020

Celebrating Dedicated Service to Day Nursery



TAMMY STEVENSON - 35 YEARS
JANIE DOMINQUEZ - 20 YEARS
AMANDA RODRIGUEZ - 20 YEARS



Employees of the Third Quarter

Michelle Lee – Cedar Street
Marissa Rodriguez - Orange Street
Lisa Addington – Sherry Lane
Rebecca Jones – Vine Street



**Staff training/recognized
for their 100% Fair Share
Giving commitments to the
United Way of Abilene**
#mindthegap

"SAVE THE DATE"



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2020 – 10:30AM
The Day Nursery Sherry Lane (3434 Sherry Lane) celebrates 20 years in operation with a ribbon cutting and balloon release (all social-distanced of course).

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2020 – 7:00PM

Our first ever "Great Non-Debate, Debate" will be held at the Historic Paramount Theater. Day Nursery children will interact with community celebrities on Day Nursery's own specially selected "debate team" on child-like topics that matter most to our kiddos. It will be GREAT; uplifting and add the levity we all need right now; it's not even debatable! More information is included inside this newsletter and on Day Nursery's website www.daynurseryabilene.org

Yearend opportunities will be provided through **"FILLING THE PANDEMIC PAIL"**. An opportunity to grant needs and wants from Day Nursery's centers' wish lists.

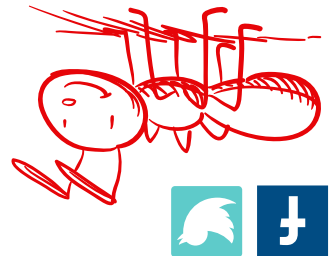
SPRIT OF CHRISTMAS

annual giving campaign will feature the Christmas artwork by a Day Nursery child.



THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021

Back by popular demand – it's the 2021 Dueling Pianos, a very special event in the SoDA District as we celebrate our Day Nursery stars. "Save the date" information is below.



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THE
GREAT

NON-
DEBATE

DEBATE

TEAM
PEANUT
BUTTER

TEAM
JELLY

ADDRESSING THE ISSUES THAT **REALLY** MATTER!

Join us for a night of fun and laughter, as celebrity debaters from all over our city answer the tough questions presented by kids from Day Nursery of Abilene.

WHICH IS
THE BEST PART...
**THE PEANUT
BUTTER**
OR
THE JELLY?

Come join the fun and purchase your ticket today to participate in this unique fundraising opportunity and help Day Nursery name "The Great **Non-Debate** Debater".

JOIN THE FUN!

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2020

7:00PM - 8:30PM

(Doors Open at 6:30pm)

HISTORIC PARAMOUNT THEATRE

352 CYPRESS

QUESTIONS? CALL 325.676.9620 OR 325.673.1110

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<https://www.paramountabilene.com/events-tickets>

www.daynurseryabilene.org

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\$20 each
includes
Popcorn &
a Drink**

