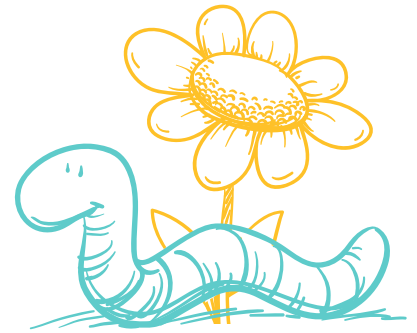




# The Nursery Rhyme

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



## Summer Camp & PreK Graduations

Following the successful PreK Graduation themed “Oh the Places You’ll Go” for over 60 children in the four Day Nursery of Abilene centers, its summer camp launched! This summer’s camp theme is “Hello Summer”. In spite of it being one of the hottest summers on record, the children have loved going about the City on excursions to learn and explore some of their favorite stops including those related to reading, arts and culture. They participated in the 10th Children’s Arts and Literature Festival (CALF) as well as numerous other adventures! When at the centers all ages of children enjoyed a cool passport activity doing multicultural activities from around the world and a patriotic celebration. Their favored “splash days” are loved by all ages of children and helps keep them cool and having fun!



## A Message from Cynthia Pearson

**PRESIDENT / CEO**

Thirty years ago, the Day Nursery of Abilene, Cedar Street Center was barely out of the “dream stage” and under construction. After many years of planning, preparing, surveying and raising money, the Day Nursery of Abilene Board of Directors launched its first capital campaign to build a dream center, a collection and culmination of ideas for more than 20 years by its founding Executive Director, Bea Ganson. The center was also a dream for downtown development to serve those working in downtown businesses. After a survey was done in the late 1980s by a student lead group at ACU substantiating the need for a downtown child care center, the dream unfolded and a \$1.4M campaign began. The center was state of the art then with some very special features. One of the greatest things about the center is that Mrs. Julia Jones Matthews who issued the lead gift from the then “anonymous” Dodge Jones Foundation, could look out her office window from the First Financial Bank Building and see the children playing on the playground. What a joy it was to hear that! Rick Weatherl was the architect and Rose Builders the contractor of this first, Day Nursery of Abilene center built from the ground up!





# A Message from Cynthia Pearson (cont.)

**PRESIDENT / CEO**

Before



After



**F**ast forward 30 years, after hundreds of thousands of children have come through its doors, it is getting some updates primarily on the inside. Parkhill is leading as architect (one of them worked on the original project 30 years ago) and Collier Construction is the contractor. And the funds used for the remodel are the result of the continued legacy of Mrs. Matthews! Its again because of her generosity, love for her community and for children that we are able to carry on and do this important work through the endowment fund she bestowed upon the Day Nursery of Abilene as she did with other great organizations in our City. The earnings from this endowment fund established years ago and held in the wise hands of the Community Foundation of Abilene are being used to fund this remodel.

**T**hank you to the past and present leadership of the Day Nursery Board and to the many donors, benefactors who believe in and support the mission of our critically important agency to provide child care for working families in Abilene!



*Cynthia Pearson*

## Program Highlights

### Center Highlights

#### Summer Camp - "Hello Summer!"



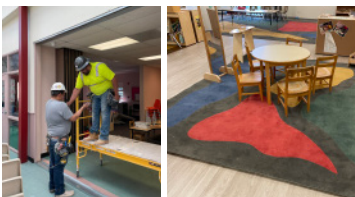
#### CALF



#### International Mud Day



#### Cedar Remodel



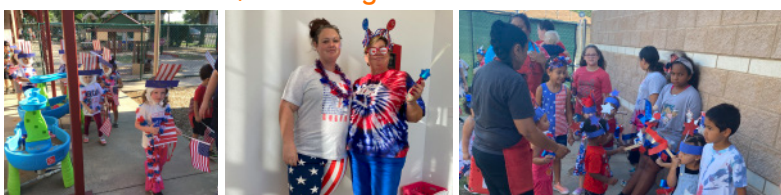
#### Father's Day



#### Splash Splash and Stagin' Cool



#### 4th of July Celebrations



### Child Care is "key" to the economy

was Day Nursery's Abilene Gives 2022 theme. It was a great success thanks to the 244 donors who contributed close to \$35,000 helping Day Nursery exceed its goal by nearly 20%! Day Nursery's board members launched their own Peer to Peer (P2P) fundraisers, raising nearly 1/3 of the total goal! Day Nursery earned the prize for "Best Video" the effort which was led by board member, Mari Cockerell and featured other board members and their businesses, Andrea Harden, Tyser Robertson and Rolando Rodriguez.





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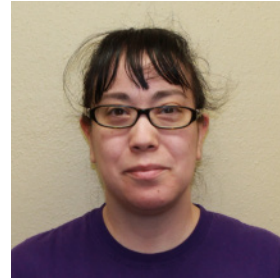
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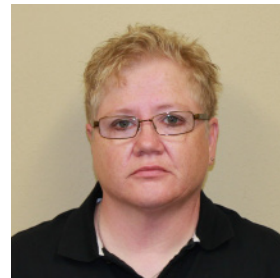
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Orange Street Center



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Sherry Lane Center



Krista Hill  
Vine Street Center

## Staff Appreciation



## Staff Training



# "SAVE THE DATE" DUELING PIANOS 2022

**G**iddy up pardners! On Tuesday, October 4th the Day Nursery of Abilene, will again have its annual Dueling Pianos event. This year it will be at Potosi Live with an appropriately named themed as the "Wild West Round Up". We are grateful to our participating sponsors to date—

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And we still have room for a few more!



Individual tickets will be available through the Day Nursery website by August 1st.  
See the enclosed flyer or visit:

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**Your ticket purchase promises a fun-filled time and also makes a difference one child at a time in our quality child care program!**



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