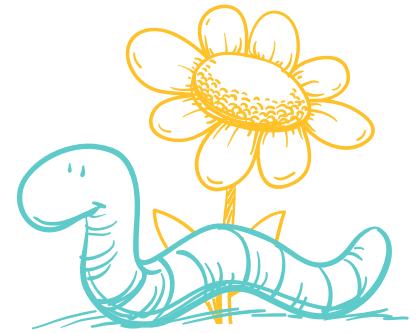




The Nursery Rhyme

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



A WINNING DRIVE for DNA: 50-year Celebration Event

Day Nursery of Abilene's 50-year celebratory event on March 27th was most certainly "A Winning Drive for DNA". And the fact that it featured Coach Tony Dungy as keynote speaker was an added plus! Pink Goose Media captured 50 years of Day Nursery's service in an informative video presentation. The dinner catered by Perini's Steakhouse was scrumptious topped off by their famous bread pudding and Texas sheet cake.

Extra special thanks is expressed to the External Affairs Committee, chaired by Melody Roper with members Bethany Ashlock, Andrea Harden-Brown, Mari Cockerell and Kelsi Mangrem that planned and implemented the event! In addition, each sponsor, table and ticket purchaser as well as the volunteers all played a key role in the event's success.

The Day Nursery of Abilene is honored to celebrate such an important milestone event of service to the Abilene community by providing child care for working families since the opening of its first center for 25 children in 1973. We are grateful for our roots, community partners, funders, families and staff all of which have led to the 50-year success of this driving force of our local economy!

March 27th isn't the only celebration we plan for our 50th year milestone. Watch for more coming this year!

To continue to support the Day Nursery of Abilene and its 50th year celebrations, you can text DNA50th to 41444 and make your donation or simply use the QR code herein.



It's Coming Soon! The 2023 Abilene Gives is happening May 2, 2023!

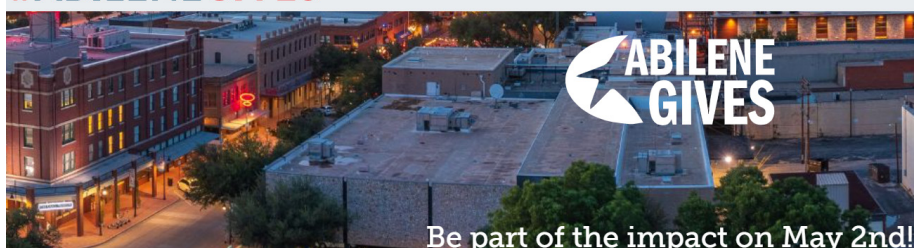
The 7th annual community-wide giving day has changed to just a 12-hour span (8am to 8pm) of giving this year and proves to be another way to support the Day Nursery of Abilene during its 50th year of existence.

Abilene Gives 2023 drives home the fact that in 2023, child care remains essential as a "driving force" to the Abilene economy. Without child care, families with young children cannot go to work every day, businesses don't have a solid and stable workforce, neither of which our local community can survive without! In celebration of Day Nursery of Abilene's 50th year in 2023, the established goal is to raise \$50,000 to continue the operation of child care in our 4-licensed quality child care centers. "Key" times to donate online will help the Day Nursery of Abilene secure prizes as you choose to support our children's cause that day.

Giving online is easy on May 2nd. Use this direct link <https://www.abilenegives.org/organizations/day-nursery-of-abilene> to support Day Nursery of Abilene on the giving day or search for the Day Nursery of Abilene when going to www.abilenegives.org

Thank you for helping to score a "winning drive for DNA" this year during this important giving day for our community and DNA's child care program! #AbileneGives

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A Message from Cynthia Pearson

PRESIDENT / CEO

2023, Day Nursery of Abilene's 50-year celebration of child care services to the Abilene families and community was off and running full steam ahead!

Being the City's largest, most comprehensive child care program, we, however, have never forgotten how we got here! From meager beginnings with 25 children at the first location on Ash Street, Day Nursery of Abilene has grown to four licensed, high-quality learning facilities providing care for 600 children each month! This is possible only because of our community, funders, dedicated staff and great leaders in the organization as well as our volunteer-led Board of Trustees who are committed to making a difference in the lives of children each day so that their parents can attend work, school or a combination of both!

We are grateful for and have not forsaken our roots which date back to the 1930s when the predecessor of the Day Nursery of Abilene was the Nego Day Nursery which later closed in 1969. Fortunately, the need to assure good child care for working parents was evident so the agency was restarted under the Day Nursery of Abilene name in 1972 with the first location opening in 1973 under the leadership of founding and well-respected, Executive Director, Bea Ganson! Expansions into church locations evolved into permanent facilities, the first of which was dedicated to Bea upon her retirement at the end of 1993. It (the Cedar Street Center) will celebrate its 30th year this year. The Sherry Lane facility will celebrate 23 years later this year and the Vine Street Center just passed its 17th year in its location on the southside of Abilene. Through a collaborative partnership with Hardin-Simmons University and Hendrick Medical Center in 2018, the Orange Street Center opened its doors in January 2020 just before COVID hit our City, state and nation throwing us all into unknown territory. Just recently that center was recognized by the Texas Hospital Association (THA) as honorable mention for its child care partnership with our local Hendrick Health.

It's for all of these reasons and many more that we celebrate a lot this year, not just 50 years but all these other accomplishments too all of which are made possible because we have a community that believes in what we do and supports our mission to provide affordable quality child care for a diverse community! Yes indeed; it's a year worth celebrating in 2023!



2023 Is Off To A Great Start!

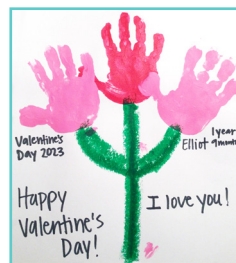
The Day Nursery of Abilene centers have had a very busy first few months of the 2023 year! Happenings abound in all four centers and 600 children that are busy learning and having great fun!

Activities and center highlights captured within this issue include listed below and a few others including those staff members who make great things happen in the Day Nursery of Abilene child care centers each day!

Program Highlights

Center Highlights

Celebrating Martin Luther King & Valentine's Day



Child Care Partnership w/ Hendrick Medical Center at the THA Feb. meeting



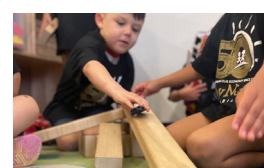
World Down Syndrome Day



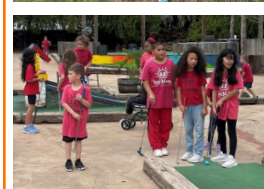
Family Resource Fair



Week of the Young Child



Spring Break Fun



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Employees of the Year



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Employees of the Quarter



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2023 NEW BOARD MEMBERS



Day Nursery of Abilene welcomes Julie Grohman with Goodwill West Texas, Kelsi Mangrem with Holland Hearing Center, Josh Monhollon with Wagstaff Law Firm and Chase Sims with Condley and Company as new members to its 2023 Board of Trustees.



Grant Seabourne, 2023 Board Chair assisted by Garrett Smith, Vice Chair/Treasurer; Holly Cox, Secretary; Immediate Past Chair, Molly Moser and members-at-large: Tave Kelly, Melody Roper and Andie Smith lead this year's Board of Trustees. Other returning members include Bethany Ashlock, Andrea Harden-Brown, Mari Cockerell, Jonathan Jeter, Tip Matthews, Tyser Robertson, and Kam Zinsser.

The Day Nursery of Abilene is grateful for these hardworking volunteers and ambassadors for their work on behalf of the agency this year!



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