

On the Saturday before Thanksgiving in 2006, 168 people gathered for an evening to support our mission. It was an experimental event to see if an evening filled with music, silent auction, dinner and trivia would be enjoyed by the community. We knew that a dynamic personality, lover of game shows/cartoon voices, and trivia guru was needed to make the evening a success.

With much excitement, Bryan Busby of KMBC 9 News jumped on board for the inaugural evening.

Trivia: *What year did Bryan begin at KMBC News?* (Trivia answers on page 4)



As the evening concluded, patrons were exclaiming fun and stating that they would be back. That's when we knew that this was a keeper! The patrons return, the fun continues and new people join. We always hear "I'll be back next year" as the evening concludes! It's been a casual, fun evening that continues to grow year after year. Since its inception, we've raised over \$209,000 for programming for our students and adults.



Celebrating 10 Years as a FUNdraising Evening!

That's nothing to sneeze about! **Trivia:** *What can trigger an ACHOO?*

Bryan will be back for his 10th year as our MC and Trivia Guru! This year's trivia categories includes: National Parks, Presidents and First Ladies, TV Theme Songs, and Tens (get it, it's the tenth anniversary!). This year patrons will once again have the opportunity to purchase

Best Answer Balloons to help their table-team rise to the top of the competition! Pre-purchase your entire set before they're sold out. And of course, the popular Heads & Tails (coin toss) game is back!

Trivia: *Which coin does not have an inscription saying how many cents it is worth?*

Wreaths & Wits has grown every year and an estimated 500 people are expected at our 10th annual on November 19th at Hilton Garden Inn. Join us for this fun and frivolous evening as we sample LOTS of

local restaurant fare, enjoy a silent auction AND compete in lighthearted trivia! Visit our website at rainbow-center.org to find the Wreaths & Wits event information and purchase your table or tickets before they're gone!!



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Marilu's Message

From Marilu W. Herrick
Executive Director

Happy Birthday Rainbow Center 40!!

In May when we complete our 2016-2017 school year, Rainbow Center hits the **BIG 40**, but we know that we are **NOT Over the Hill!** Thanks to so many families, friends, board members, donors, staff, students and adults for making this dream a reality! It's amazing the numbers we have served over the years, after beginning with just three little ones.

Happiness continues to be seeing children that love coming to school, learning new skills and developing coping techniques that help them grow and be successful in their world.

This is going to be a wonderful year of reminiscing and sharing of memories about the many successes that we have experienced educating children with special needs. Providing a

creative and engaging program for adults with special needs that they look forward to attending each week gives us all great satisfaction. The staff at Rainbow experiences great joy and fulfillment knowing that they are having such an important impact on our very precious clients.

If you have a favorite memory—happy, sad or funny, please send it to me in an email as we are compiling a collection

of Rainbow Memories to be shared in our Newsletter in the spring.

As Bob Hope once sang, "Thanks for the memories!" and I look forward to remembering some of your favorite moments over the past years.

Blessings,

Marilu



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Check out our GuideStar Profile at <http://www.guidestar.org/profile/48-0861861>

New Options Program Coordinator Brings Professionalism and Wealth of Experience

We are pleased to introduce our new Options Program Coordinator, Tyreka Brandon to the Rainbow family! We're excited to have her skills, talent and knowledge as the leader of our adult program.

Tyreka has a B.S in Psychology with a Minor in Sociology from Lincoln University of Missouri. She provides general oversight for the day habilitation program in its entirety and is the point of contact for Rainbow Options.



Tyreka's background and wide range of experience in the human service field enables her to provide meaningful support and leadership to the staff. She strongly believes in advocating for those who are unable to advocate for themselves. Tyreka believes in the power of teamwork and motivates the staff to work together to provide a great environment for the Individuals we serve. Please help us give Tyreka a warm welcome!

THANKS FOR HELPING US PLAY!



Phase I of our playground renovation is complete and Phase II is in the works. We're having fun!



Look at me!
Look at me!
Look at me NOW!
It is fun to have fun.
But you have to know how.

Dr. Seuss





Rainbow Developments

From Jill Calvert, *Director of Development*

Rocky Mountain Inspiration

As I walked into the beautiful home, I was greeted by many smiling and gracious faces. It felt like I was at a family reunion, and in no time, I felt like one of the family!

My husband and I had been on the road all day for the first leg of our trip to Colorado. This first destination allowed me to attend the Spring Board Meeting of the Walter A. and Charlotte Soule Family Foundation. You see, these folks have been granting funds to Rainbow for the last 16 years! My attendance allowed me to put names to faces, meet members of the family, including matriarch Charlotte 😊, and share



with them the impact they have made on our organization. And what an impact it has been!

As the evening progressed, it became evident that their Soule family name resonated through their values and choices...these folks truly have soul. Heart and soul! They are even teaching their teenagers to care and share as junior board members. This is such an important philanthropic topic these days, and seeing this in action with their family, and with other funders, is inspiring. I left that evening with such gratitude and appreciation for this family and for all they do for Rainbow.

Interactions with caring people like this can brighten any day. My heart is filled with gratitude and my soul is touched because of this family and the many people who care for and about the Rainbow children and adults.



Thank you Soule family for making my trip to Colorado even more inspiring than the mountains! May each of you have daily interactions that fill your heart, touch your soul, and inspire you to reach as high as the mountains.

Blessings to each of you,

Jill

LOOKING FOR A SPEAKER?

If your civic group, business, church, or any other type of group is looking for a speaker, we can help. Presenters share information about our mission, history, success stories and provide opportunities for community engagement. Please give the Development Office a call at 816-229-3869 to schedule a speaker for your next meeting.

Save the Date



Trivia Answers from Page 1

- Bryan Busby began his career with KMBC News in 1985.
- A sneeze can be triggered by sunshine.
- A dime does not have an inscription stating its worth.

2016 GIFTS OF TREASURE, TALENT & TIME

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Making cookies is so much fun!

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We all love Wisper. He makes us giggle and smile!

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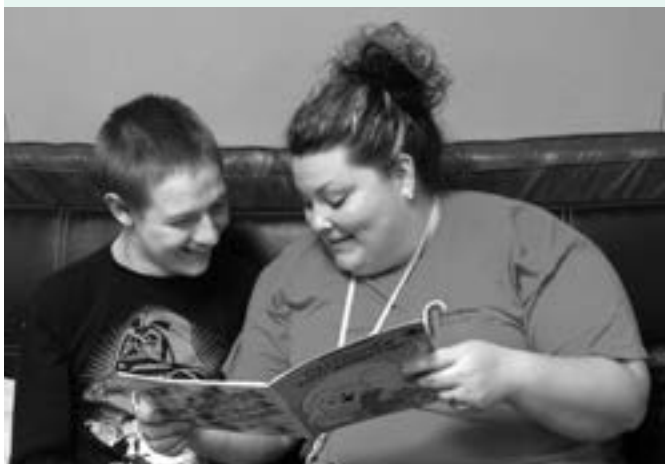
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A piano and voice solo during our July drama presentation.

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We ask that all items are new or in good working condition.

- Blender
- Garment protectors
- iPod deck/speakers system
- Microwaves
- Noise cancelling headphones
- Seat protectors
- Outside chairs
- Plastic ware, Paper goods
- Small trash cans
- Snacks—Individually packaged
- Velco
- Weighted blankets
- Volunteers needed—painting, answering phones, event assistance, landscaping

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