



Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council Presents

Legislative Candidate Forum on Early Childhood Priorities

Thursday, September 20

10 a.m. - Noon

Heartspring Conference Center

8700 East 29th Street North

Candidates will share their positions on

- Early intervention
- High quality child care and preschool
- Affordable child care
- Funding for early childhood programs
- Health care for children in Kansas

Moderators are **Robert H. Ross**, PhD, Associate Professor of Marketing at the Frank Barton School of Business at WSU, Partner at The Research Partnership, Inc. and **June Remple**, Sedgwick County Early Childhood Coordinating Council Chair.

To RSVP or for more information contact Cayla at cwasson@rui.org or 316.558.3403.
Facebook link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/484519614909155/>

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SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
THROUGH COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

Saturday, September 22 11 AM to 3 PM

Alexander Calder, Jack of all Trades! Calder was best known for his large metal mobiles, but join the Adventure to learn about his colorful easels and lithographs.

Family Adventure



Saturday, October 27 11 AM to 3 PM

The Roaring Twenties! In connection with the Big Reads book, *The Great Gatsby*, explore art and culture from the 1920s in America. Make a jazzy artwork to take home.

Saturday, November 17 11 AM to 3 PM

Prints and Poetry! Take a look at the lithographs of Robert Motherwell and Jasper Johns, which all were inspired by poetry. You can make a simple print booklet to fill with your own writing!

Saturday, December 15 11 AM to 3 PM

Celebrate! Many works of art are celebratory, come see a few, then celebrate your own creativity in the studio. You can also wish with Santa Claus and enjoy holiday treats from 1 to 3 PM.

WICHITAartMUSEUM

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1400 West Museum Boulevard
Wichita, Kansas 67203
wichitaartmuseum.org

National Organization
U.S. Circuit Party
Wichita Art Museum Inc.
Admission Requested

Family Adventure

September through December 2012

A FAMILY ADVENTURE is a fun opportunity for the entire family to explore the Wichita Art Museum with a self-guided tour and art project. No reservations are required and you can drop in anytime between 11 am and 3 pm. Families can pick up their activity guide at the Welcome Desk and begin their Adventure.

WAM admission is free on Saturdays.
Family Adventure is free!

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Butler County Smart Start
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IT'S TIME FOR AN **ART START**

The Wichita Art Museum's Art Start preschool program is for children ages three to five. They learn about the basics of visual art, hear a story, and make a work of art to take home. Themes change monthly.

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Art Start is sponsored in part by the Courtney and Marcellette Davis Charitable Trust.

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Art Start for FAMILIES is on **Tuesdays at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm**. GROUP days are **Thursdays and Fridays at 10:30 am and 1:30 pm**. The program is free for those five or younger or an adult chaperone; admission is \$3 for children over five.

Please call **316-268-4929** to make your reservation for Art Start.

PICTURED BELOW AND ON REVERSE:
Tom Otterness (b. 1952).
Dreamers Awake (details), 1995.
Cast bronze. Wichita Art Museum,
Museum Purchase, Burneta Adair
Endowment Fund, 1995.14.

ART START

THEMES FOR FALL 2012

September

3D Sculpture

October

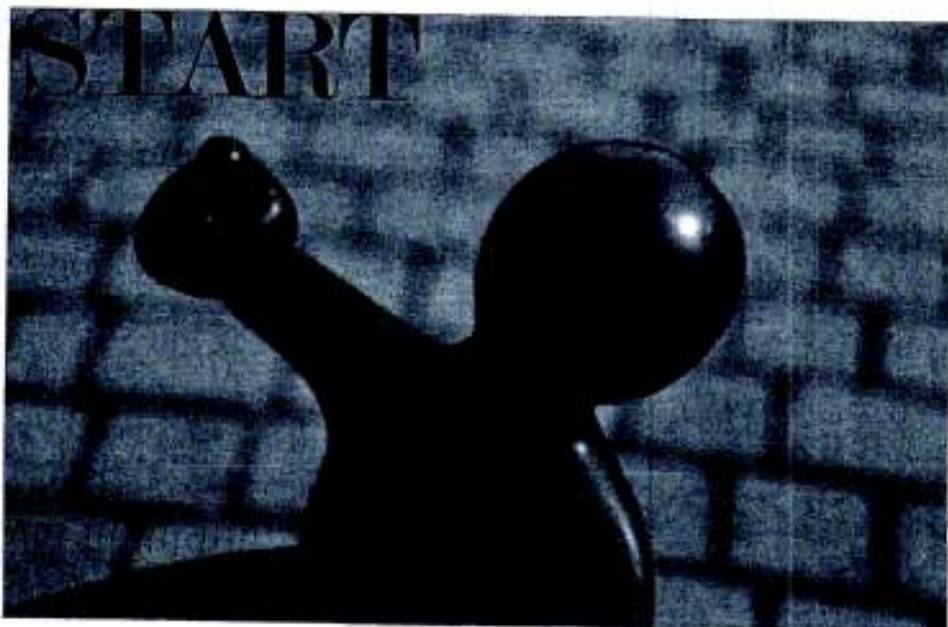
The Big Read—Jazzmatazz!

November

Let's Make a Monoprint

December

Trees Without Leaves



The Canvas

Seeing the unseen in every Rainbows' child.



President's Letter



Deb Voth

Taking the lead from our kids, this month we're focusing on some of Rainbows' superheroes. Our childcare teachers are always making learning fun, plus we have an exceptional hero in the United Way of the Plains.

On August 8 United Way of the Plains kicked off its annual fundraising campaign. The tag line this year is "Get Through. Give Here". At Rainbows United we have a group of staff working on our internal United Way campaign. Our kickoff for this campaign was on August 13, at our All Staff Inservice where staff were encouraged to sign their pledge forms and use them to vote for me or one of the five vice presidents.



The two VPs with the most "votes" then faced off in a hotly contested tricycle race. The votes were tallied and Kere Noel, CFO, and Betty Graham, Vice President of Human Resources won their place at the starting line to race oversized tricycles. Betty won hands down and thankfully no one was harmed in the process.

United Way of the Plains funds 8.5 percent of Rainbows' 2012 budget. Funding through UWP supports Targeted Case Management, Quality Specialized Child Care - both for children and youth, birth - age 21 and Assessments and Evaluations for young children.

Thank you United Way.

Deb Voth, President



We think our teachers are pretty super...

Classroom 6 is made up of 10 exuberant and imaginative boys and girls. During their weekly activities their teacher, Kimberly, noticed a lot of superhero chatter. Blankets turned into capes, scarves became masks and superhero powers were springing up everywhere. Surely there was a way to capture all of this creativity and turn it into a lesson and SHAZAM, Superhero Week was born!

The week began with the children reading about their favorite superhero characters and discussing what is real and what is pretend. They also identified real-life heroes like family members, firemen, doctors, nurses and teachers. These discussions helped reinforce the idea that we can all be heroes and have heroes. Throughout the week their art projects focused on creating the necessary elements of their very own superhero costumes.

Finally, the week culminated with a superhero parade around the building. It turned out to be a super week with

some super life-lessons. We'd expect nothing less from our pretty super teachers.

More on Rainbows' Childcare

The Rainbows United Kid's Point facility at K-96 and Oliver, provides high quality childcare. Expert staff is equipped with the knowledge, training and talent to work with any skill level or challenge.

Teachers' weekly lesson plans follow Kansas Early Learning Guidelines and they conduct the Assessment, Evaluation, and Programming System (AEPS) for Infants and Children twice a year.

A full-time registered nurse is on-staff with over 30 years of experience and we couldn't do without our mental health specialists who consult with the teachers to use best practices in social and emotional development and share learning tools for positive behaviors. Our child care experience and resources are unparalleled and we think it is a pretty super place for kids.

Board profile: Jeff Jabara



Jeff currently serves as 2012 Vice Chair of Rainbows United and will take over as Board Chair in 2013. "I'm a fan of Rainbows because the mission is all about the kids! Rainbows has been serving special needs children and their families for 40 years. No matter what the family situation, everyone who needs help receives it. The staff is the best at finding something truly special about every child and helping to develop that uniqueness to serve them in their lives," says Jeff.

As a Board member since 2001, Jeff's involvement is primarily behind the scenes and less *hands on*. "I encourage others to get involved in Rainbows by promoting the outstanding fundraisers to my friends and co-workers. These events, especially Fashion Passion, are top notch and quickly becoming the event to attend in Wichita!" Not only is Jeff active with Rainbows United, but he is Board President of the Treehouse, a non-profit affiliated with the Orthodox Church, providing assistance to mothers and babies in need. He is also on the Remington Homeowners Association board and the Kansas Gas Advisory Committee.

Jeff is a Senior Director at Spirit AeroSystems, Inc. and has worked for Boeing / Spirit for 34 years. He is married to Nancy and they have two children. They are the proud grandparents of a beautiful two-year-old granddaughter and are expecting another grandchild this fall. In his down time, Jeff enjoys hunting, fishing and chilling out at the lake with his family and friends!

Favorite quote: When the game is on the line, winners want the ball. - From the film "The Replacements."

Breaking the mold

We are thrilled to announce that Jo Walters will receive InterHab's 2012 Outstanding Volunteer Award! InterHab is our state trade organization and is responsible for advocacy on behalf of adults and children with disabilities.

Jo has been instrumental in the creation of and an ongoing advocate for our "Friends of the Heart" group which began in 2004. This group is made up of caring and energetic supporters who want to proactively participate in furthering the mission of Rainbows through 1) volunteering, 2) friend raising and 3) fundraising. This group is also responsible for hosting an annual signature event, Fashion Passion.

Jo worked in tandem with another volunteer, Margaret Shook, in 2005 to create the very first Fashion Passion event. The inaugural Fashion Passion raised \$16,000 and through Jo's innovative ideas and strategic thinking it has grown to the 8th most successful fundraising event in Wichita raising over \$190,000 last year. Her efforts extend beyond Fashion Passion.

Jo is a member of the Fundraising Committee and hardly a week goes by where Jo is not attending a meeting, making calls on our behalf, calling with a new idea or scouting out the best deals for event décor or auction items.

Her enthusiasm is a blessing and her dedication to children with disabilities is unwavering. And while we know she would much rather continue her work behind the scenes, we couldn't help but share the good news - there is a superhero among us and she goes by "Jo."

We love you Jo!



Infant care room opening

We are proud to announce the expansion of our childcare services. This October we will open an infant room at the Kids' Point location.

The room will be licensed for infant care starting at 2 weeks. Space is limited. Call 316.260.4673 for more information.

Haney Trust

We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Philip and Glorene Haney for their incredibly generous bequest of approximately \$100,000. Glorene Haney was an active member of the Rainbows United board for 7 years (from 1993 to 2000) and a supporter of children with disabilities.

Glorene and Philip are no longer with us, but their gift helps more than 3500 children Rainbows United serves each year.

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