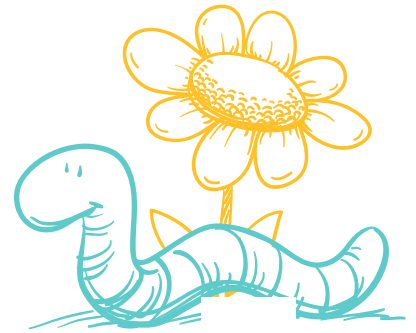




The Nursery Rhyme

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



Abilene Gives - 2022

A bilene Gives is happening May 3, 2022! The annual community-wide, 24-hour giving day is a great way to support the Day Nursery.

Child care continues to be recognized these last couple of years as essential for working families, business and the economic development of a community in fact it has been referred to as an "invisible element of the economy". Bearing that in mind, Day Nursery's theme this year during Abilene Gives is that child care is "the key" that drives the economy with the goal to have 1,000 days of child care funded at \$30/day or a total goal of \$30,000. There are also options to fund a month of meals/snacks at a cost of \$35 for one child or field trips for one elementary age child at a cost of \$125 during summer camp 2022 and several key times to give which will assist Day Nursery's opportunity to win additional prize funding! Details will be provided throughout the day on Day Nursery's social media pages.

Your online gifts given on May 3rd for the 2022

Abilene Gives campaign will also benefit Day Nursery and help us win extra prizes too.

Those donors who prefer to give by check may do so. Just mail your check to our office (702 Cedar, 79601) using the envelope provided inside this newsletter. Make checks payable to "Abilene Gives" and note Day Nursery's name in the memo. We will deliver these contributions on the giving day to the Community Foundation of Abilene.

Thank you for being "key" to Day Nursery and this important giving day for our community and program!
#AbileneGives #GiveWhereYouLive



www.abilenegives.org/organizations/day-nursery-of-abilene



A Message from Cynthia Pearson

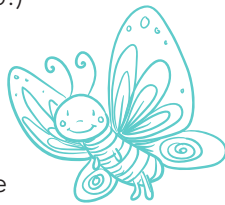
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A day in the life...at the Day Nursery of Abilene!



What would it be like to be a in preschool again? I got to experience that, and it was wonderful! One of Day Nursery's child care centers is located right across the street from the current construction project in downtown Abilene for a brand-new hotel. Needless to say the children have loved watching this happen right before their eyes! They've done special units of study focused on construction, learned about the machinery used, making their own protective gear, watching the big trucks involved and have seen history unfold right in front of their eyes, across the street from their child care center. They were totally blown away when the HEEDE Crane arrived on the scene, estimated by one of the children to be "about 400 meters high!" As a result, the HEEDE Crane company sent them some special treats and they received a very special invitation to see the construction project from the 10th floor of the First Financial Bank building which was also quite exciting! "Best day ever" not only for them but also for me! (And not only that, but as a result, I also got invited to attend a field trip they would be taking soon to the Abilene Zoo!)

This field trip experience was wonderful; I highly recommend it! It was a beautiful reminder of the tremendous impact that our great staff have each day on the 500+ children in care in our four centers each day! They are the best of the best and truly make "everything a learning opportunity!" Having such occasions for this agency's chief executive makes everything behind the desk more than worth it!



Program Highlights

Center Highlights

Dr. Seuss Week



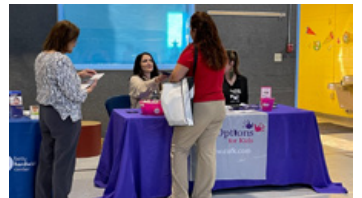
Spring Break



Winter Fun!



Family Resource Fair



Week of the Young Child



Valentines-In the Making



Construction



2022 Is Off to a Great Start!

Each of Day Nursery's four child care centers is off to a great start in 2022 and the hundreds of children in our care each day keep parents working or in school, us on our toes and them busy learning and having great fun!



Some of the special events and activities captured as center highlights include those from celebrating the beginning of a new year, snow play/day, Groundhog day, the achievement of all four centers assessed and receiving their well-earned designation as "Texas Rising Star (TRS) four-star quality child care centers, Valentines for our donors, Dr. Seuss's birthday, Spring Break, Family Resource Fair, Week of the Young Child and the downtown construction project.

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

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Employees of the First Quarter



Amanda Rodriguez
Cedar Street Center



Alexis Ramirez
Orange Street Center



Ashleg Avila
Sherry Lane Center



Ramona Cox
Vine Street Center

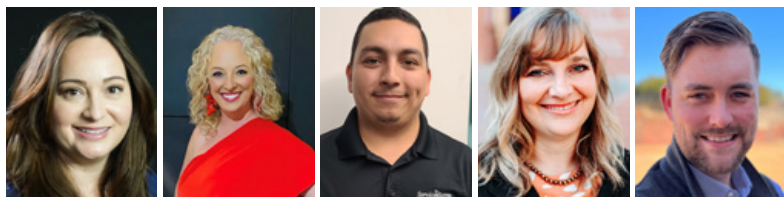
Employees of the Year



Colleen Graves
Marisol Arrazola
Autumn Mendoza
Tiffany Kirvin

Professional Development Day





2022 NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Day Nursery of Abilene welcomes Andrea Harden with Midway Plumbing; Jonathan Jeter (who attended Day Nursery as a child) with Servicemaster by A-Town / Hi-Tech; Marissa Ransted with the Development Corporation of Abilene; Tyser Robertson with Jacob/Martin Architects and Engineers and Andrea Smith with Region 14 Education Service Center as new members to its 2022 Board of Trustees.

Molly Moser, leads the board as Chair for her second year. Her cabinet includes, Grant Seabourne, Vice Chair; Chery Cunningham, Secretary; Garrett Smith, Treasurer; and members-at-large: Paula Clowdus, Dee Dolton and Tip Matthews. Other returning members include Bethany Ashlock, Staci Benavides, Mari Cockerell, Tave Kelly, Jonathan Moore, Rolando Rodriguez, Melody Roper, and Kam Zinsser.

These board members are the best and hardworking volunteers and ambassadors for Day Nursery's agency and child care program.

“SAVE THE DATE”

DUELING PIANOS 2022 WILD WEST ROUND UP

The Wild West Round Up for the Day Nursery of Abilene, Dueling Pianos event will be held on Tuesday, October 4th at Potosi Live. You won't want to miss this repeat and fun event with a western theme this year. More details forthcoming and on the Day Nursery website daynurseryabilene.org



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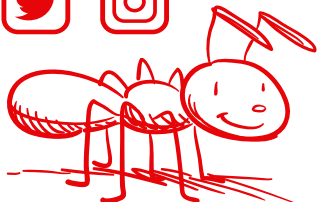
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