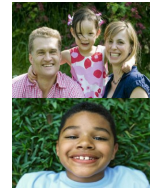


POSSIBILITIES are endless...



Hope For Kids
Specialized Foster Care



Kidz Rainbow Center
Daycare & Early Learning



TRAININGS & EVENTS

CPR Training

Jan. 23

New Foster Parent Orientation

Feb. 6 and 13

Apr. 10 and 17

Foster Parent Support Meetings

Feb. 9 and 16

5K Sewer Run Fundraiser

April 2010

BIACC Business After Hours

June 16

Spikes Family Night

July 23

Foster Parent Annual Training

Oct. 2

Christmas Party

Dec. 4

Life & Death

POSSIBILITIES...“the condition or fact of being possible...”potential or prospective value”...“capable of being used for a certain purpose”...capable of happening or being accomplished”...“SOMETHING THAT IS POSSIBLE”

It's year 2010 and our possibilities for our personal, financial, physical, professional and spiritual lives can be like the sea roar, and all its fullness. Look ahead today and don't look back on yesterday. I challenge all of us to become 'possibility thinkers'.

As co-founder of Hope For Kids and founder of Kidz Rainbow Center, I know first-hand about things that are possible in every area of my life. And while I would love to share much of them, I truly feel that I only need to share this one because it is her story that helped me to define who we really are as an organization and why our newsletters will be known for our

POSSIBILITIES!



Amy Chen who was better known as “Emmie” or “Doodle Bug” to her family and friends showed many of us the true meaning of possibilities and this is her story.

Precious little Doodle Bug passed away at eight months of age. Her life may have been short, but her presence will be everlasting to all those who knew her personally and to those who knew her only by name. *Emmie's life was one of heartache and triumph. She was born to a mother who fled her native China to make sure she wouldn't face abortion procedures mandated under the Chinese one child law and settled in Philadelphia. Not much is known about her mother, only that she came alone to this country to have a healthy child whom she must of loved very much. Not speaking the language and circumstances being so overwhelming, the situation was just too much for this brokenhearted mother who left her daughter in the care of the city of Philadelphia.*

“Doodle Bug”

Emmie was born with only a brain stem. She did not have a brain and was not expected to even be born alive. However, Emmie had her own plans for life. Not only was she born alive, but she had the spirit and will to live and thrive in so many ways. Her doctors and guardian ad litem said that for all our love, Emmie would never be able to give anything in return and together they signed a do-not-resuscitate order which meant, in effect, that emergency medical technicians weren't obligated to revive the baby if her life were on the brink.

We were told that she could not see or hear and any kind of interaction would be impossible. Again she triumphed! Little Doodle Bug could see and hear, and she was beginning to roll over and scoot across the floor. She responded and interacted with us all, and she loved her musical mobile. We nicknamed her “Doodle Bug” because since she did not have a brain she could not regulate her body temperature, therefore, she had to be bundled up and had to wear little hats. She had such a pretty little face, and with her hats, she just looked like the most precious doodle bug. She is missed terribly by us all but never forgotten.

~Brenda Lee Goldman, President & CEO

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A Bike for Willie

Tracy Grove, HFK's Specialized Foster Parent, of East Freedom couldn't stop the tears of joy when she saw her 19-year-old foster son, Willie, riding around on a therapeutic bicycle designed just for his needs.

Willie was one of five people Altoona AMBUCS presented with AmTrykes. The tricycles help children and adults build muscle tone and control.

Willie has autism and cerebral palsy. He is also mentally disabled and eats through a feeding tube, but that didn't stop him from rolling through the lobby, a big smile stretched across his face.

"He was sick for like two years" Grove said, wiping her tears away. "He was in Danville, fighting for his life—his colon stopped working, but he's been good for a year now."

Willie continues to thrive and shows great possibilities.



This article and photo appeared in the Altoona Mirror December 2009.

Programs

Specialized Foster Care • Reactive Attachment Disorder

Autism Spectrum Disorder • Special Medical Care

Adoption • Family Group Decision Making.

- Since 1997, HFK's has served more than 330 children; an average of 65 children per year.
- Foster & Pre-adoptive homes in : Bedford, Blair, Centre, Clinton, Clearfield, Juniata, Mifflin, & Snyder Counties.
- Permanency is a priority: over 70 children have been adopted by foster families within the agency. Sixteen adoptions took place in 2009.
- All placements are monitored by clinical staff who are experienced, well trained, and closely supervised by Licensed Social Worker, and consulting professionals including licensed Psychologist, Psychiatrist, and medical doctor.

Adoption Brings HOPE to Families and Children



The Comly's

The phrase adoption has alternative meanings for different families. For Tom and Rose Comly, therapeutic foster parents through Hope For Kids, adoption provided an opportunity for a child to heal and feel comfortable in a family. Adoption became an option for the Comly's after they were unable to have children biologically. They pursued a domestic adoption, but after a year of waiting, with no results, they chose to become foster parents. The Comly's have been foster parents with Hope For Kids for seven years and finalized their first adoption four years ago and plan to adopt their 2nd foster daughter soon.

The Comly's felt comfortable adopting through the foster care system because of the added support built into the adoption process. During the several months leading up to their daughter's adoption, the Comly's relied on Hope For Kids, their adoption worker, friends, and family for emotional support. They voiced how important it was to have received support throughout their adoption process, and advised other parents to think about the level of support offered when choosing an adoption agency.

Tom and Rose continue to be foster parents with Hope For Kids because of the amount of support they receive with their children. Rose stated, "It's nice to deal with people that you already know, and the children know...A number of the staff had attended our first adoption, and that was wonderful. Our daughter was very touched by that."

If your family is thinking about adopting, but feel that you cannot because you don't have the financial means, you should know that the majority of families that adopt through the foster care system do not accrue any expenses because legal fees and other costs are covered by the State or County.

If you are thinking about becoming a foster parent in the hope to provide permanency for a child, or wish to adopt, please contact Jessica Kappes at (814) 353-0200.

~Jessica Kappes, Adoption Program Coordinator

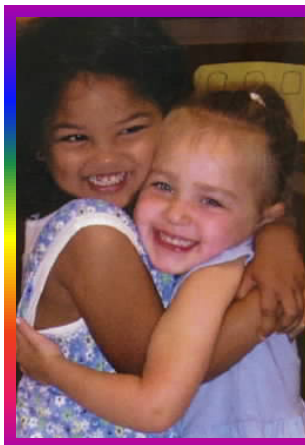
This article appeared in the CDT August 2009



Programs and Services

Kidz Rainbow Center is a sister agency to Hope For Kids and provides childcare and education to children and families.

- Infants:** Sea World (Birth–6 mos.)
Little Critters (6 mos–13 mos.)
- Toddlers:** Care Bears (1 year)
Curious George (2 year)
- Pre-School:** Topsy Turvey (3 year)
Funny bones (4 year)
- School Age:** Ripples (K–2nd)
Waves (3rd–5th)



Summer Programs: June through August

Specialized Programs: Kidz Rainbow Center also provides care and educational services for children with special needs. Before a child is enrolled into one of our specialized programs, a team meeting with the parents and KRC's professional staff must be scheduled to discuss the child's and family needs to establish goals and objectives for the child and family. It is our belief that a child cannot make progress if parents are not involved in the child's educational plan and fulfill their responsibilities at home.

We are Keystone STARS 1 and are working towards our STAR 2 designation.

Take a virtual tour of our facility on our website!



The Kidz Corral



KRC Playground

Trainings & Events

- Staff In-Service Trainings
Jan.15, Apr.2, July 23, Oct. 15
- Parent Educational Support
Feb 9
Feb 16
- 5K Sewer Run Fundraiser
TBA Apr 2010
- Spring Program
May 21
- Graduation
TBA
- Spikes Family Night
July 23
- Christmas Program
Dec. 17

KRC Wish List

- 6–TV/DVD Player Combinations
- 6–Small Portable CD Players
- Tricycles
- Educational Toys
- Financial Gifts for Indoor/Outdoor Equipment
- Scholarship Funding for Families
- Part-Time Van/Bus Driver

Please call us at (814) 353-7777

Parent Testimonial

“KRC” has eliminated all of my fears about taking my 1-year old to daycare. The facility is clean and safe, the staff are welcoming, and each child is treated as an individual.”
~Leann Luttan

How You Can Help

PRINT Full Name _____ Business Name (For Donations Only) _____

Street/Address/Apt # _____ City/State/Zip _____

Contact Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation of \$ _____

Please contact me about making a planned gift or bequest.

Please remove me from your mailing list.

I would like to receive this newsletter via email only.

I am interested in volunteering.

I am interested in becoming a foster parent.

I am interested in supporting scholarship funding.

I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the building fund.

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From the Foster Children...

My name is Eric Marcano. In my experience with Hope For Kids, I've had a lot of good things happen to me. One thing that happened was that I was placed in the home of Gary and Julie Hartley who love and care for me. I also just recently started to visit my biological family (on my father's side) which is a really good thing that has happened to me in my life. And these are some reasons how Hope For Kids has helped me. "

Sincerely,

Eric Marcano



Photo courtesy of Chuck Carroll

**Never Deprive a Child of Hope
It Might Be All They Have**



Board of Directors:

Dr. Robert Mooney, Chief of Board, Denise Bierly, Floyd Deterline, Mary Jane Mattern, Brenda Goldman and Donna Corrigan

“Our Future Home”

Hope For Kids and Kidz Rainbow Center's future new home will be located in Airport Industrial Park across from the University Park Airport. We will keep you updated.



Jennifer Pepperman, Programs Director, Brenda Goldman, President & CEO, and Missy Shawver, KRC Director.