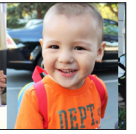




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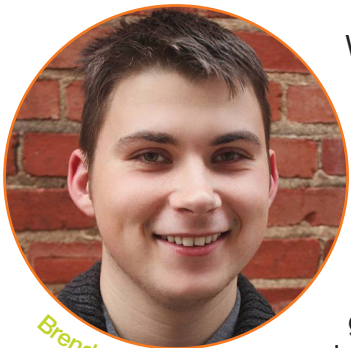
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An Early Start with a Fantastic Result

Dear We Care,

Our son, Brendan Engles, attended We Care from June to December 2002 to address his sensory integration disorder (he was subsequently diagnosed with Asperger's in 2010). I want to give you all an update on how he is doing now.

Brendan has graduated from Sapulpa High School and has accepted an offer to attend The University of Tulsa (TU) to pursue a double major of Political Science and History, with a minor in Creative Writing and a certificate in journalism. While in college, he is looking forward to studying abroad in Dublin, Ireland. And his career goal is to become a political journalist.



Brendan today

We can't thank you enough for all the assistance you gave our family while Brendan was at We Care. Although he was only there for a short time, we believe that the language, social and motor skills he learned helped set him up for his success in mainstream public school.

Brendan's sister Danielle is graduating from TU this year with a degree in Exercise and Sports Science. She is going to occupational therapy school next year and plans to work with children with disabilities. She chose this profession after seeing the progress her brother made with the help of occupational and physical therapy.

My husband and I still donate to We Care, and we highly recommend it to any family in need of your services. With the foundation that We Care helped him build, Brendan was able to overcome many obstacles, graduate from high school, and enroll in a 4-year university.

Our sincerest thanks,
Kelly Engles

Brendan's graduation
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A message from:

Pete Caldwell, Executive Director



Dear We Care Family,

I hope this newsletter finds you happy, well, and enjoying the beautiful fall.

Each season at We Care has its own appeal, but I'm a particular fan of this time of year. We see the kids excited to be back in the classrooms, everyone feeling refreshed from summer, and the start of the new fiscal year.

As I mentioned in my last note to you, this year we're engaged in an exciting strategic planning process to set out a road map that will guide us for many seasons to come.

We ended this past fiscal year financially healthy, secure, and even better able to meet the needs of the children we serve. Thanks to the extraordinary support of our individual, foundation-based, and corporate sponsors, as well as the hard work and amazing talent of the staff who work with our community's most at-need children, We Care continues stronger than ever.

Fall also brings our most important event of the year: The Little Stars Gala. We gather with a wonderful group of supporters to celebrate all that We Care is and does. And the support we receive on this night is what enables us to innovate, further our reach, and deliver critical developmental and mental health services.

It's also a really good time! Come for the great food, music, dancing, auctions and entertainment, and know you're making a difference in the lives of the children and families who need us most.

So if October 20 is not already on your calendar, please put it there! (For tickets, copy and paste this URL: wecarechildren.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/LittleStarsGala2018) We'd love to have you join a terrific group of people having a lot of fun for a very important cause. See you then!

Happy fall, and as always, thank you for all you do!

Pete



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Thanks from the Diaz Family

There is no doubt our child wouldn't be who he is today if it weren't for the teachers at We Care.

Without each and every one of you, Jay would not have had the same ability to learn, love, and prepare for his next step in life. You are amazing and we feel very lucky that you have been part of his journey.

Jay started kindergarten, and we just want to thank the teachers and staff for your patience and guidance in helping all the children learn and grow. It's been an amazing three years at We Care! We miss you.

Thank you!

The Diaz Family



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Meet Volunteer Kim Tsutsui

As president of her own company for over 20 years, Kim provided business consulting and senior-level project management services to many financial institutions.



In 2001, with some free time on her hands and wanting to give back to her community, Kim did a search on “at-risk teens” and curiously, We Care Services for Children came up.

Thinking “Wow, that sure sounds familiar,” she realized she drove by the school every single day! Turns out that Kim lived up the street, so her story begins with literally walking down the block, filling out an application, getting a TB shot and fingerprinted!

She soon became a part-time classroom volunteer for three days a week with the Explorers program. She worked that year with 18 children aged 18 months to 3 years, and saw first-hand what a life-changing experience We Care’s early intervention could be for them.

“I watched many graduate,” Kim remembers, “while shedding a few tears of joy along with their parents. The families were filled with incredible hope and gratitude for such an important, necessary start for their children’s futures.”

Kim joined We Care’s board of directors and was one of our longest-serving members (2002 – 2012). Then fast forward, and after she retired from her consulting business last year, she returned once more as a volunteer. She now supports the board and management team on a wide range of projects, assisting with strategic goals and planning.

17 years after starting at We Care “initially out of convenience,” Kim has come full circle – and she’s still here because she believes in the mission of this incredible organization.



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Thank you to those who give through their workplace programs. Your donations allow us to enhance and expand programs, and work with more children and families in our community. We encourage you to once again choose We Care when selecting your area of support.