

# the Nursery Rhyme



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**Muchas Gracias to Taco Bueno** for sponsoring Day Nursery of Abilene's 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mexican Dinner Fundraiser. It was a big success. Held on Saturday, March 19, 2005 from 5-8pm in the West cafeteria at Abilene High School, a total of 807 meals were served; 784 were adult and 23 were children's meals. 452 were eaten in and 355 were taken out. Everyone enjoyed the



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SAT-SUN / 6:00 am - 12:00 midnight  
Jeanette Daniels, Center Co-Director

## MUCHAS GRACIAS! MEXICAN DINNER

delicious food and was glad to donate for a good cause.

Day Nursery would like to give a very special thank you to Anna Sigala and Taco Bueno for providing the majority of the goods needed, food, and cooperation that she and her staff provided to make this fundraiser a success! Special thanks to Ben E. Keith for donating the cinnamon sugar cookie dough, Blue Bell Creameries for donating ice cream for the dessert table, and Mayfield Paper Co. for donating dinner and dessert plates. Several businesses contributed prizes as an incentive for ticket sales.

*Volunteer efforts by parents, staff, children, and board members contributed to the success of the event. You are the best!!! Special Thanks to the following people:*

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Abilene Teachers Federal Credit Union  
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Day Nursery Board Members & their families  
Day Nursery Children and Parents  
Day Nursery Staff

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Just Girls and their leader, Debbie Pelant, volunteered at the Mexican Dinner.

## Capital Campaign Update

The Day Nursery board of directors announced the successful completion of the 2004 capital campaign in March 2005. Conditions of two challenge grants, one from the Dodge Jones Foundation and the other from the Mabee Foundation were achieved with success thanks due to more than 200 donors and friends! A list of contributors is provided on page 4. We are so grateful for each and every contributor and gift!

A groundbreaking ceremony

for the new south side facility occurred on May 10 and construction followed immediately. Day Nursery's board of directors voted to award the construction contract to Jeff Luther Construction. This same contractor built Day Nursery's newest facility, the Sherry Lane Center, which opened in October 2000. Project completion is promised within 300 days.

The second component of the campaign accomplished much

needed capital improvements to other Day Nursery centers, including a technology improvement plan. Frank Dick, student at Hardin-Simmons university completed a technology plan for Day Nursery as his student internship. Frank not only assessed the agency's current technology, he researched the best solutions to provide upgrades for an im-

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Jacob Taylor, Izaiah Alvarez, and Aaron Clark are enjoying the new playground at Cedar Street Center.



**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**  
**EMPLOYEES OF THE**  
**QUARTER –**  
**4th QUARTER, 2004**



Mary Tolentino

Day Nursery of Abilene is pleased to recognize its Employees of the Quarter for October-December, 2004. These outstanding employees, who were selected by their peers, are as follows:

**Mary Tolentino** has been an infant caregiver at the Ash Street center for twenty-two years.



Kristi Esparza

**Kristi Esparza** worked with the infants as a caregiver at the Sherry Lane center. Kristi had been with Day Nursery for three years and six months.

**Elverna(Cookie) Hawkins** has been employed with Day Nursery for fourteen years. She is an infant caregiver at Vine Street center.



Cookie Hawkins

**Ruby Almanza** is the LEAP (four-year old program) teacher at 650 Cedar Street. She has been an employee for a year.

**FloMcMahan** works at the Cedar Street Annex (night and weekend child care program) as the four and five year old teacher. She has been with Day Nursery for one and one-half years.



Ruby Almanza

**WHO'S "FRED?"**

One of the components of Day Nursery's program is to provide quarterly parent meetings, in order to promote parent involvement and provide useful information for successful parenting. To help accomplish this goal, Day Nursery plans to implement the FRED Program (Fathers Reading Every Day). FRED is a four-week educational program offered through the Texas Cooperative Extension Service. However, we plan to adapt it to "families reading every day." This program is geared for the parents of preschool children enrolled in



Flo McMahan

**STAFF NEWS**



**OUR HEARTS GO OUT TO YOU...**

The Day Nursery family would like to express our deepest sympathy and prayers to...

**Melinda Roberson**, Cedar Lane parent, on the recent loss of her grandmother.

**Ozelma Stratton**, Sherry Lane cook, on the recent loss of her

husband, Tommy, after 51 years of marriage.

*The Karl Karenbrock family*, on his recent demise. Karl was a treasured volunteer who read to the Vine Street children on a regular basis for nearly six years.



We are pleased to welcome **Diane Bax** as the new center director for the Vine St. Center. We are glad to have you join us, Diane.

**CONGRATULATIONS**



**Marisol Aguilar**, Ash Street caregiver, gave birth to a baby girl in February.

**Veronica Quintero**, Ash Street caregiver, gave birth to a baby boy in March.

**Rebecca Randall**, Cedar Street Coordinator, gave birth to a baby boy in March.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE**  
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proved operations. A new server as well as computers in each of the centers will allow for networking to the administration office and access to the Internet. The 2005 spring funding cycle grant of the Community Foundation of Abilene provided the funds to purchase the server, provide for networking capabilities and purchased a few of the work stations. Thanks Frank and the Community Foundation of Abilene, Grants Committee!

An updated playground at the Cedar Street center is another of

the needed capital improvements included in the capital campaign fundraising goal. Work on the playground was begun in early February and was completed before the end of that month. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding provided the majority of the funds for the playground. The children are ecstatic to say the least with the new and improved playground facilities!

**ATTENTION PARENTS of PRESCHOOL CHILDREN "FRED" IS COMING!**

Abilene Public Library  
 202 Cedar St.  
 Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>  
 6:30-8:00 PM  
 Come Join Us for an Early Summer Picnic and some Reading Fun!

Day Nursery's program. Day Nursery will kick off the program on Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-8:00pm, at the Abilene Public Library. We will provide a light meal, picnic-style, have a father reading aloud, and give each family a "goodie bag." Come join us! Reservations required.



**Ash Street Center**

—Miss Chevon's class (0-11 months) sang "If You're Happy and You Know It," pretended they were watering their gardens, sang Valentine songs, and played on the floor with blocks. Miss Irene's class (12 to 17 months) played together with musical instruments, painted with the color red to make Valentine cards for Mom & Dad, had "dress up" play, and danced with scarves around the room.

**Sherry Lane Center** —Ms. Vanessa & Ms. Christi (0-6 months) & Ms. Isabel and Ms. Cristela (6 to 12 months) utilized volunteers from Abilene High School. They worked in the classroom bringing new ideas, teaching

**INFANT NEWS**

songs, and doing activities they learned at school. The infants really enjoyed these special visitors.

In January, Miss Melissa's 12-18 month olds made snowmen out of cotton balls and played with cool whip.

February – They made valentine cards and had a party.

March – They made shamrocks and had an Easter egg hunt.

**Vine Street Center** —Ms. Olivia & Ms. Amy's class (0-12 months) had a Valentine party and enjoyed an Easter egg hunt at the end of March. Ms. Cookie's class (12-18 months) made snowflakes out of coffee filters and had a New Year's party. In February, they colored groundhogs, and made hearts with their pictures in them for

parents. They also decorated cookies for Valentine's Day. For President's Day, they made Abe Lincoln hats and painted cherries on a tree. In March, they made windsocks and learned nursery rhymes, made shamrocks, and decorated Easter baskets for their Easter egg hunts.



Nevia Nixon is posing for her Valentine's Day picture at Cedar Street Center.

**Cedar Street Center** – Our babies (Ms. Rene, Ms. April, Ms. Jana, Ms. Jonnie, Ms. Amanda, and Ms. Jennifer's classes) have been working on walking and pulling up, as well as learning to drink from sippy cups and feeding themselves. For Valentine's Day, we posed for our parents to make them a special photo in a frame for them. We decorated our rooms and had an Easter egg hunt and party to celebrate.



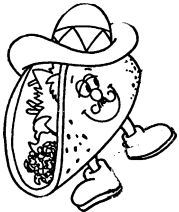
Chloe Wallace and Austin Pickett are celebrating St. Patrick's Day at Vine Street Center.

**Cedar Street Annex** —Ms. Renee and Mrs. Sandra's (0-13 months) class painted Valentine hearts for their families. They also painted by running toy trucks and cars through the paint and then onto the paper. On Valentine's Day, the children enjoyed the sweets and their goody bag with books, Valentine cards, and a magnet for their refrigerators.



Ms. Sylvia's class at Vine Street Center is making Valentine collages.

**Mexican Dinner  
Ticket Sales Results**



**Overall Top Ticket Sales -  
Aubrey Burleson, Vine St.**

**4 tickets to Six Flags Over Texas**

2 night stay for family of 4 @ Town Place Suites (Marriott) in Arlington (Includes continental breakfast) \$50.00 Savings Bond

**Prizes for Highest Ticket Sales**

Bicycle – Jake Aldridge, Cedar St.  
DVD – Delila Lopez, Sherry Lane  
One Month's Membership to John Baacks Strike Zone – Nicolas Ortega  
\$25.00 Gift Certificate to Mall of Abilene – Haley Roth, Sherry Lane  
5 - \$10.00 certificates to Taco Bueno – Emonie Diles, Vine St.

**Center Top Ticket Sellers (child)**

\$ 50.00 Savings Bond  
\$ 5.00 Bean Counter Certificate  
Wienerschnitzl Certificate (sandwich/fries & drink)  
**Ash** – Abigail Garcia

**Sherry Lane** – Haley Roth  
**Vine St.** – Emonie Diles  
**Cedar St.**– Jake Aldridge  
**Annex**– Nicholas Ortega  
**Staff Top Ticket Sellers**  
Free Oil Change  
\$ 25.00 Academy Gift Card  
Becky Dixon - Admin  
Janice Gobin– Cedar St.



Anna Sigala of Taco Bueno serves the first enchiladas at DNA's 13th Annual Mexican Dinner, sponsored by Taco Bueno Restaurants.

**BOARD NEWS**



John Gonzales is rotating off the board because he accepted a position with Wal-Mart in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. We wish you the very best, John.

Mari Hayes recently became engaged and moving to El Paso. Congratulations and Best Wishes in the future, Mari.

At the April Board Meeting, board members were given a "Kudos" candy bar in recognition of Volunteer Appreciation Week. We so appreciate all our board members do for Day Nursery!

## Capital Campaign Thank You-Donors

*Day Nursery thanks all of its donors for giving so generously to the Capital Campaign. Listed here are the names of those who gave. Every effort is made to include all of our donors. If we have made a mistake, please notify us and we will correct it in our next issue.*

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Richard Young

### **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU...**

The LEAP class at Ash Street Center would like to say a special thank you to *Vicky Forehand* for taking the "Bunny" pictures, when they went to see the Easter Bunny at the Mall of Abilene.

Ash Street Center would like to say a special thank you to *Jody Gulley, Taylor*

*County Extension Agent*, for coming and showing the preschoolers and schoolagers the proper hand washing technique.

*Mrs. Chamber's CCCM class from Abilene High School* comes to Sherry Lane every other morning to learn

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# Toddler News



**Ash St. Center** —Ms. Sylvia's class (18-24 months) sang "happy birthday" to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by holding hands around the room. They also had a tea party where they learned to pour water into cups. For Valentine's Day, they made Valentine collages. They also enjoyed rolling the ball to each other in the floor while singing songs. In March, they learned to sing, "Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear" while making a Teddy Bear Collage. Ms. Sonya's two-year-old class celebrated Martin Luther King Day by coloring their "Dream of Freedom" while listening to Beethoven's soft music and exploring their creativity with their minds. For St. Patrick's Day it was all about green and marble painting.

**Sherry Lane Center** —Ms. Silvia's class (18-24 months) and Ms. Gabby's class (2 year olds) made Styrofoam snowmen and learned winter songs in January. In February they made and exchanged Valentines. The children learned about fire safety in March, and made their own Easter baskets.

**Vine St. Center** —Ms. Joanna's class (18-24 months) made snow ice cream to eat. In February they made hand print Valentine cards for their parents. March was busy with the children making St. Patrick's Day hats. They also made Easter egg baskets for their egg hunt.

Ms. Jackie's two year olds made snowflakes and fingertip

snowmen while learning about winter. In February, they celebrated Black History Month. In March, they studied dinosaurs, and celebrated Easter. Ms. Maria's 2 & 3 year olds made snow pictures out of shaving cream and made handprint snowflakes. They also listened to their heartbeat as they were learning how to be healthy. February, they made a Texas flag and celery roses for Valentine's Day. In March they learned nursery rhymes and had a St. Patrick's Day party and an Easter egg hunt.

**Cedar St. Center** —Ms. Becca, Ms. Mary, Ms. Lana, & Ms. Regina's Toddler classes made handprints for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and talked about how different we all are. They celebrated Valentine's Day by exchanging cards. They learned about dinosaurs and how they are different. Ms. Regina's class made a full-sized portrait. They made a paper-maché Humpty Dumpty as they talked about Nursery rhymes.

**Cedar St. Annex** —Ms. Kriselda & Ms. Cristal's toddler class enjoyed painting giant puzzles out of poster board and made hearts using their handprints. On Valentine's Day they had a party and shared goodies with their friends. Ms. Reyna's 2 & 3 year olds talked about Texas and painted a shape of Texas. They also made a poster board picture of their favorite song "Monkeys in a Tree." They also enjoyed making their Valentine's Day sacks to put their cards and goodies in for the party.



Jody Gomez with Taylor County Extension shows "proper hand washing technique" to the children at Ash St. Center.



The Easter Bunny comes to see the 18-24 month olds at Cedar Street Center.

## THANK YOU

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about the workings of child care centers hands-on from the staff, and to bring new ideas to our teachers. We appreciate them so much.

Vine Street Center wishes to thank the *RSVP* readers who came to read to the children for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Special thanks to *Sharlene Davis* for coming year after year.

Cedar Street Center had a "surprise" visit from the

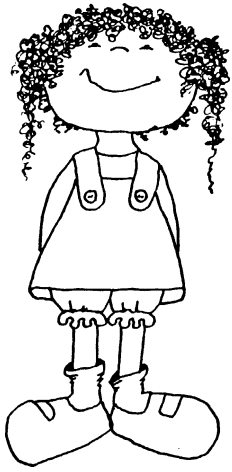
*Easter Bunny* (who came all the way from San Antonio) to give the children treats. Thank you, *Easter Bunny*.

Cedar Street Center appreciates *Abilene Christian University* so much for sending *students* to read to the children weekly.

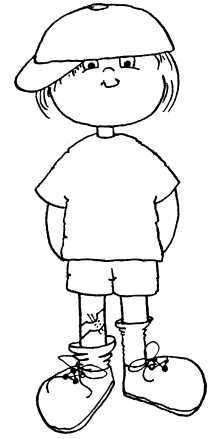
And special thanks to "*Writers Block*" group from the *Business and Professional Writing class* at *ACU* for preparing *Day Nursery's 2004 Annual Report*.



At Vine Street Center, Ms. Maria's two and three year olds are working on fine motor skills while doing puzzles and table activities.



Day Nursery children participate in Easter egg hunt at Sears Park



## PRESCHOOL CLASSES

### Ash Street Center

—*Ms. Diana's 3-year-old class* made “fake snow” for the science center during January. They also did a “snow mural” on paper. For Easter, they made Easter baskets out of milk jugs. *Ms. Sorinda's LEAP class (4 & 5 year olds)* went to sing and do art activities at Abilene Convalescent Center. They also made Buddy prints for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. For Easter, they visited the Easter Bunny at the Mall of Abilene. The LEAP class would like to say a special thank you to *Vicky Forehand* for taking the “Bunny” photos. In February, *both classes* went to Spring Seasons to sing Valentine songs and give homemade valentines that the children made.

Sherry Lane Center —*Ms. Jovan, Ms. Amy, & Ms. Kami's Preschool classes* have been learning Fire Safety during this quarter. They also visited the Center for Contemporary Arts

for Spring Art Reach. They had Valentine's Day parties in February. In March, they made paper maché Easter eggs, and went to Sears Park for an Easter egg hunt.

Vine Street Center —*Ms. Rachael's 3 year olds* learned all about winter and made snowmen in January. They also studied about day and night and made sun, stars, and the moon. Then they talked about what sounds you hear at night. In February they studied about Texas, decorated cookies, and enjoyed Valentine's Day. In March, they made dinosaur prints, and enjoyed an Easter egg hunt and party. *Ms. Tina's 4 & 5 year old class* took turns role playing with the teacher, made cupcakes, dressed bears for the Board meeting, and learned to tie shoes. In February, they also went to the Center for Contemporary Arts for Art Reach and later returned to see their artwork on exhibit. They made Valentine cards for

their parents, and worked on learning the letters G, B, and N. In March, they celebrated St. Patrick's Day and an Easter egg hunt.

Cedar Street Center – The *LEAP class* celebrated the Chinese New Year along with *Ms. Stephanie's class* and made lanterns. They also ate several different things for the study of the sense of taste. *Ms. Lupe's class* made pictures of Abe Lincoln out of their handprints.

Cedar Street Annex —*Ms. Flo's 4 & 5 year olds* made a poster board sand Texas while they talked about our state. They also drew pictures when learning about feelings and family. They went to McMurry University to watch the auditions for Young Audiences performers. In February, they discussed Black History month. They also made Valentine's decorations for the room, and had a Valentine's party.



Dylan & Cameron Cox dress up in firemen hats at Cedar Street Center.



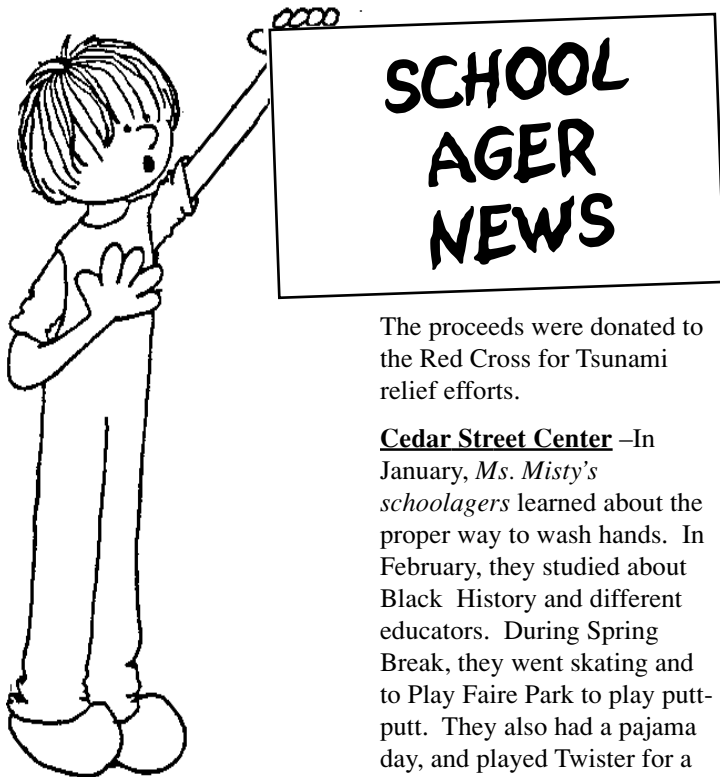
Ms. Sorinda's Leap class from Ash Street Center went on a field trip to the Mall of Abilene to see the Easter Bunny.



Ms. Stephanie's three and four year old class at Cedar Street Center is studying one of the five senses – taste.



All the LEAP classes enjoyed going on a field trip to the Center for Contemporary Arts.



The proceeds were donated to the Red Cross for Tsunami relief efforts.

**Cedar Street Center** –In January, *Ms. Misty's schoolagers* learned about the proper way to wash hands. In February, they studied about Black History and different educators. During Spring Break, they went skating and to Play Faire Park to play putt-putt. They also had a pajama day, and played Twister for a fun gross-motor development activity.

**Ash Street Center**

—*Ms. Marisol's schoolager's class* made “Mobile hangings” by writing their dreams for themselves, family, & country in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. During Spring Break, they went to Play Faire Park and played miniature golf and had a picnic. They made shamrocks using sponges. They also did bubble painting and basketball racing around the playground. Balloon piñatas were created with paper maché, and they went skating at the Skating Place.

**Sherry Lane Center** - *Ms. Nicole & Ms. Christina's schoolager's class* had a Bake Sale, went on a field trip to Play Fair, went bowling, skating, and participated in a drawing contest “Kibbles & Kids” for Rescue the Animals. They also had a Spring Welcoming Party.

**Vine Street Center** —*Mr. Jason's 5 – 10 year olds* made colored salt jars, did science experiments, and went to Fort Imagination and played in the snow. In March, the children made cookies and lemonade and sold them to the parents.

**Cedar Street Annex** —*Ms. Karla's schoolagers and Ms. Flo's 4 & 5 year olds* enjoyed having Anita Stevenson from CCPO to come in costume to discuss Black History month. In February, the schoolagers went to McMurry University to watch Young Audiences perform, and enjoyed a special Valentine's Day celebration. They also learned about Texas including snack time by eating Texas-shaped tortillas. Saturday visits continue at the NCCIL.

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**MUCHAS GRACIAS**

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- Day Nursery “Support Staff”
- (Our families)
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- Ms. Beverly Guthrie
- Ciana Hardwick
- Hendrick Health Club
- Lester Humphrey Pest Control
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- Just People Inc.
- Just People Volunteers
- Ben E. Keith Foods



All the school age children from the DNA centers present a check for \$326.41 to the American Red Cross for Tsunami relief efforts. The children raised the money themselves by selling cookies and lemonade.



The schoolagers at Cedar Street enjoyed a pajama party during spring break 2005.



The schoolagers from all the centers enjoyed a field trip to Play Faire Park during spring break.

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