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FULL CIRCLE

This past summer Happy Hands had the joy of having two past Happy Hands graduates as summer assistant teachers. Nicole McDowell and Brooke Hendricks both attended Happy Hands as preschoolers. Both young ladies graduated this past May from Broken Arrow High School. Their mothers share their stories...

When Nicole was three years old Happy Hands opened their doors for the first day of school and she was one of the first students to attend. Nicole loved going to school. She loved having other kids and adults around that she could communicate with and not feel left out. I don't recall one day during her three years there that she was never ready to go!

Nicole has continued to flourish with her education. The thing she has loved the most the past five years has been her horse. She takes after her grandfather and his love for animals. She is a natural at riding and has accepted the responsibility of caring for her horse very well. Nicole was blessed to make the rodeo team and receive a scholarship at Connors State College in Warner, OK. It is a dream come true for her! She and her horse are attending Connors this fall and will graduate with an Associate Degree in Applied Science.

Nicole was so excited when she was hired to work at Happy Hands this summer. She had such a wonderful time with the children and was always coming home with a new story of something that happened in her class. Having her hands and play with the children brings her life full circle. Happy Hands as a child to a young adult; how many people get that kind of an opportunity?

Brooke has always been special, but I didn't realize just how much! When she was just a baby, before we realized she was deaf, people would come up and look at her and say, "There is something special about that child." Little did I know then exactly how special. I don't think Brooke was born deaf. I

believe she lost her hearing when she had pneumonia at about a year and a half. I believe it was perhaps 2 months later that we realized she was deaf. She was attending a regular daycare and one day one of her teachers pulled me aside and said the words no parent wants to hear. "We think Brooke is deaf." I went into a moment of shock..... Was I hearing correctly?

After confirming she was deaf we immediately found out about Happy Hands and enrolled her into. The change in Brooke was amazing! Being in a program that was specifically for deaf and hard of hearing children opened the door for Brooke! Her communication took off. It was AMAZING! I am so thankful for Happy Hands because I truly feel the foundation of early communication and intervention allowed Brooke to truly step outside the box and reach her full potential which she may otherwise not have been able to do. Having a program like Happy Hands shows children of all ages that they can do anything they set their minds to and being a Christian environment is probably the biggest plus of all! I truly believe because she attended Broken Arrow High School - the first deaf person in their history and now as her next step in life, college, she has also made the color guard team at OSU. She is very active with church and truly lives her life for God. I have always told people once I found out she was deaf, "God has BIG plans for her". A lot of people tell me I have done a wonderful job raising her but I can't take all the credit. Without the help of God, I could not have done it. So all the praise is truly His...not mine...I just followed His instructions.

I am sad to see her leave for college but at the same time am so very happy and proud because I know she is going to succeed in anything she sets her mind to! I am the one that is truly blessed and I am so very thankful.



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 We would like to congratulate
 Dr. Christee Jenlink on being named
 Dean of NSU – Broken Arrow Campus!
 We would also like to recognize and
 welcome Mr. Josh Reynolds as Happy
 Hands' newest Board Member!



Help Us "Go Green"!

In an effort to "go green" and save some green, we would like to send you Happy Talk electronically. Please send your email address to Daria Otto at Daria@happyhands.org to be added to our growing list of on-line readers!

Belong to a Prayer Group or other Organization?
 Why not sponsor a supply drive for Happy Hands?

WISH LIST

- 8 ounce paper cups
- 5 inch paper plates (not Styrofoam)
- Pudding or Fruit cups
- Juice boxes
- Postage stamps
- Small paper bowls
- Molding clay



Every Penny Counts

You can help raise funds for happy Hands by saving Best Choice labels, BoxTops for Education, using www.goodsearch.com for your search engine, and accessing Amazon.com through the Happy Hands website links. Every penny counts! Thanks for your support!

Check out our Website!

Visit the newly updated Happy Hands website at www.happyhands.org! We have made some changes that we think you will enjoy! You can also access various volunteer and parent forms through our website now, as well as see photo galleries of our amazing children and staff!

The Red Sea Miracle

If you have never seen or experienced a Red Sea type miracle, you must come see this new state of the art facility – The Donald W. Reynolds Education Center.

Nothing has changed about us except the building carries the name of our benefactor. A quality program at Happy Hands has relocated to a quality building. We are certainly appreciative of this transformational gift to build, furnish and equip this one-of-a-kind school. Happy Hands is able to continue offering quality services to these very special children debt free. We are truly blessed!

We give a sincere THANK YOU to the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation for their confidence in our services to the community.

Now that we are in a brand new facility, where do we go from here? We simply cannot stay the same and do the same things we used to do.

The theme for this year, and for the next five years, is "innovation." What do we want to look like in five years? How can we impact more children and their families? How can we make a greater impact on the community? To continue to do the same things over and over again and expect greater results is insanity.

Excellence is still a priority, now more than ever! This Red Sea miracle brings us to the fact that we are just now beginning to do the real work we have been called to do. The first 16 years of this ministry has been in preparation for harnessing the greatest value from our very special children.

Happy Hands is unique to the population we serve. There is no duplication of services.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Happy Hands I wish to say a big thank you for your prayers and support as we move forward into the future.

My favorite scripture for this Red Sea miracle is - Psalm 109:27 – "that all will know that this was done by your hand, oh Lord."



Al Proo
Executive Director

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation is a national philanthropic organization founded in 1954 by the late media entrepreneur for whom it is named. Headquartered in Las Vegas, Nevada, it is one of the largest private foundations in the United States.

Grand Opening Celebration!!

Come join us in celebrating what God has done!
He has blessed our children with a fantastic new facility in which to learn and grow!

We extend our personal invitation to you, your family and your friends to come tour our new building and let us say "thank you" for your prayers, thoughts, and support which has brought us to this place.

We can serve almost 3 times as many children and families than ever before, and we will be expanding our family services with the Parent Education and Resource Library (PEARL), upcoming workshops and seminars and much much more! We know that the best is yet to come!

Public tours will be available on the following dates:

Thursday and Friday, September 16-17, from 10 am to 6 pm.

Sunday, September 19, from 2 pm to 4 pm

5th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

Mark your calendars to join us for a day on the greens at MeadowBrook Country Club, September 27th!
Two flights of golf – Morning and Afternoon Tee Times
Handicapped 18 hole, 4 player scramble - \$125 per player

Morning Flight Schedule:

7:30am breakfast & registration/8:30am shotgun start. Lunch & Prizes following golf.

Afternoon Flight Schedule:

12:30pm lunch & registration/1:30pm shotgun start. Hors D'oeuvres and Prizes following golf.

Come join us for a day of golf while supporting our mission at Happy Hands!

To register your team or for sponsorship inquiries, contact:

Christina Treat – 918-893-4812 or Christina@happyhands.org

Priceless Advice Comes Free at Happy Hands

Understanding how to leave an inheritance to your children and protect your special child's government benefits - **FREE**

Understanding how to provide guaranteed lifetime income for you and your family – **FREE**

Understanding how to reduce estate taxes and avoid probate- **FREE**

Understanding how to rescue your retirement assets from taxes- **FREE**

Knowing your family is financially protected - **PRICELESS**

As a non-profit organization that empowers children with confidence, education, life skills, and the abilities necessary to achieve their dreams, we are aware of the critical role that planning plays. Most of us know that we should plan for financial success, but 70% of us don't take the time to put a plan in place.

This is why we started a program designed to provide families with up-to-date planning information and confidential professional expertise. Our planned giving department can help provide you with an understanding of financial tools, techniques, and benefits.

Our desire is to help you reach your family, financial, and philanthropic goals. A member of our staff is available to answer your questions and help you create a plan that meets your needs. Please contact Darla Otto at 918-893-4811 or darla@happyhands.org for more information.