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As we begin a new year, we want to take a moment to reflect on all the ways our community continues to support We Care. **Your generosity and commitment to our mission made an extraordinary difference in 2024 for the at-risk children and families we serve.**

We couldn't be more grateful.

This past fall, we gathered at the Blackhawk Auto Museum for our annual gala. It was an unforgettable evening that brought together loyal supporters, new friends, and dedicated staff and board members. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our guests, sponsors, and local businesses, the event was not only a significant success but also a wonderful evening of celebration. The funds raised will allow us to expand our safety-net services and reach even more children in 2025.

And while the gala is our premier event each year, the connections didn't stop there.

Many other remarkable individuals and groups made meaningful contributions in 2024:

- Donors who shared our vision of a brighter future for vulnerable children and contributed generously.
- Local businesses that partnered with us to create impactful programs and sustain our services.
- Community groups that offered creative fundraisers to support our work.
- Foundations that recognized the vital importance of early intervention and provided critical grant funding.

This unwavering support from our community continues to inspire us every single day.

And it fuels everything we do at We Care. From reaching more children with our proven interventions to developing new programs that expand our impact even earlier, your support makes a lasting difference.



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A message from:

Pete Caldwell, Executive Director



Dear We Care Family,

Steve and Debra Gonsalves, through their extraordinary philanthropy, have for many years been We Care's most impactful supporters.

During their long partnership with us, they have touched countless lives through their unwavering commitment, kindness, and passion for creating a brighter future for so many of the most vulnerable children in our community.

Tragically and unexpectedly, Debra passed away in October. Please see our tribute to her in these pages.



As we begin 2025, I want to thank each of you for your generosity and support.

This past year, you've enabled We Care to provide our critical developmental and mental health services to hundreds of young children and their families. These children dealt with challenges that no family should have to face alone, yet because of you, their futures were improved – often dramatically.

Supported by your donations, this past year also brought exciting growth and new opportunities, including:

- A new Perinatal program providing crucial support to mothers and families, promoting optimal early development during the critical period from pregnancy through postpartum.
- A new evidence-based Child-Parent Psychotherapy program designed to strengthen the relationship between young children and their caregivers who have experienced trauma.
- Improvements and expansion of our Educational and Developmental services to reach even greater numbers of at-risk and high-need children.

As we step into 2025, we will continue this life-changing work. With your help, we will reach more children, ensure that every young child we see has the opportunity to grow, learn, and succeed.

I'll be excited to share with you details of the two significant grants from the state we just received that will bring new, impactful services to the community. More details to follow.

On behalf of the children, families, and team at We Care, I extend my deepest gratitude for your compassion and support. And I wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy, and fulfilling New Year.

Sincerely,

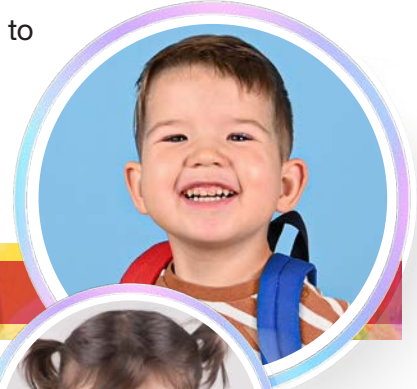
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As we move forward, we remain deeply appreciative of all of you who are committed to supporting this work. Thank you for sharing our belief that every child deserves the chance to reach their full potential, regardless of their abilities or circumstances.

We can't wait to see all the ways we can come together to accomplish great things in the coming year.



The Power of Community

As we think about the exceptional generosity of our community, we are reminded of the profound difference your support makes. It is our commitment to ensure that your philanthropy is used in a thoughtful and effective way so that it best meets the needs of the at-risk children and families who turn to us during their most challenging times. With your support, we can provide meaningful intervention at a time when it can have the greatest impact.

We do this by delivering tailored developmental and mental health services to children up to age five and their families.

Helping Children Grow with Developmental Services

Our developmental services help children under five overcome significant delays and build skills they need for a brighter future. We work closely with families to address developmental challenges and create healthier trajectories.

- **Beyond Boundaries Toddler Program:** Helps children with autism or at risk for autism using play-based, routine-focused techniques grounded in the Early Start Denver Model.
- **Developmental Playgroups:** Offers a supportive space for children and their parents to work on developmental goals like language, problem-solving, and social skills.
- **Preschool Classrooms:** Provides low-income children or those with emotional or behavioral needs a safe place to prepare for school success.

Through these programs, children gain the tools they need to grow stronger and more confident, while parents learn how to support the progress every step of the way.

Healing Families Through Mental Health Services

Our mental health services support children who have experienced trauma, abuse, or neglect. We focus on helping families heal and build stronger, healthier connections.

- **Attachment-Based Clinical Services:** Provides therapy in the home or our office for trauma, anxiety, depression, and behavioral challenges.
- **Wraparound Program:** Offers advocacy, peer support, and coordinated care for families facing severe challenges like homelessness or substance use.
- **Preschool Consultation Program:** Supports children at risk of expulsion by working with teachers and families to address behavioral challenges.
- **Intensive Care Coordination Services:** Provides customized mental health support for children in foster care or family reunification.
- **Perinatal Mental Health Program:** Helps expectant mothers address mental health challenges, strengthening bonds, and promoting healthy outcomes for mother and baby.

- **Early Connections:** Offers new caregivers personalized guidance on bonding, mental health, and navigating early parenthood.
- **Behavioral Support Services:** Supports caregivers in building skills to understand the meaning of their child's behaviors and best meet their needs.



These programs help families break cycles of trauma, and to build the skills they need to navigate the future with resilience and hope.

Your Support Matters

The work we do would not be possible without the generosity and compassion of individuals like you. As we look ahead, the challenge is clear. For every child we are able to reach, there are countless others who still need help.

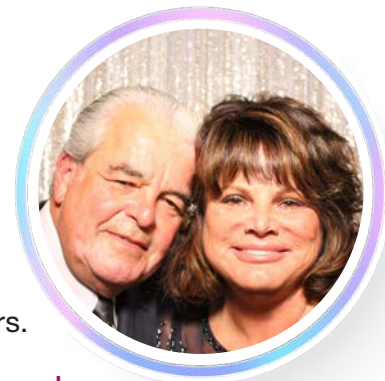
Your support makes it possible for us to continue meeting this growing need. Because of you, at-risk children and their families have access to the intervention they would not have otherwise. Thank you for choosing to make a difference.

Together, we are changing lives—one child and one family at a time.

Honoring the Life and Legacy of Debra Gonsalves

We are deeply saddened to share the news that one of We Care's most beloved supporters, Debra Gonsalves, has passed away. Her astonishing generosity, kindness, and unwavering commitment to our mission have left an indelible mark on the lives of innumerable children and families over many years.

Debra and her husband Steve first connected with We Care in 2007 when they were invited to attend our annual gala by a long-time board member. That evening, Debra was deeply moved by the stories she heard and the impact of our work. It sparked a connection that led her to become one of our most passionate and dedicated supporters.



Together, she and Steve have played an instrumental role in sustaining our programs and expanding our ability to serve children and families in need.

Their generosity extended far beyond We Care. Debra's philanthropic spirit touched every corner of her community through her commitment to supporting numerous nonprofits and organizing relief efforts for those facing hardship. Her actions reflected her deep compassion and belief in creating a better world for others.

Those who had the privilege of knowing Debra described her as pure light. As a guest at our events, she was often the first to raise her paddle in support, shed a tear at the heartfelt stories about the families we serve, or share a kind and uplifting comment that reminded us why we do this work. Her warmth and empathy left a deep impression on everyone she met, and her presence was always a highlight of our gatherings.

Debra leaves a void that cannot be filled.

But her legacy will live on through the lives she touched and the difference she made. The love Debra inspired is reflected in the many donations made in her memory. These contributions honor her legacy, and ensure that her commitment to helping children and families continues to make a difference. We are profoundly grateful for her years of support, her unwavering belief in our mission, and her friendship. She will be missed beyond measure but will remain forever in our hearts.

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Debra's family and friends, and promise that we will always strive to honor her spirit through our work.