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Mothers hold
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- Unknown

GCCLC Family, Motherhood and Unconditional Love



Tausha as a child with kittens

The love Barbara Hagist shares for Tausha, her daughter, born with Down syndrome, is precious and inspiring. Tausha is now 35 and living in an assisted living home at GCCLC.

Barbara shares how she and her husband Edward brought



Tausha home to four other siblings. Tausha grew up close to her family, never getting into trouble and loving to ride her bike with other family members and care for animals. She loved her brother Aaron and talked about him often. She went to the CO-OP and Whitebead for her education and loved being at school during those times.

Edward was on the GCCLC board from its inception and, after his passing, Barbara picked up the mantle and carried on his passion for the agency.

Down Syndrome Fact:

There are more than 400,000 people living with Down syndrome in the US.

A Nurturing Mother and Family

Feelings of worth can flourish only in an atmosphere where individual differences are appreciated, mistakes are tolerated,

communication is open, and rules are flexible - the kind of atmosphere that is found in a nurturing family.

-Virginia Satir

Donors for Adaptations to the Workshop:

Dave and DJ Gentry

Kevin and Lisa Driskill

Bill and Virginia Woodworth

Betty Densmore

Janet Leadbetter

Duane and Linda Murray

WC and Linda Pesterfield

And anonymous donors

We would love to add your name to this list.

To date, we have spent over \$250,000.

To date, we have raised just under \$40,000.

We still have a long way to go to complete funding.

Thank you for your gift!

Your donations are tax deductible.

Anderson Charitable Foundation \$20,000 Matching Grant

GCCLC is honored to be invited to participate in the Anderson Charitable Foundation \$20,000 Matching Grant to help us get additional vehicles for the clients coming

out of SORC. We are happy and excited to have the opportunity to participate. If we raise \$20K by the end of May, they will write us a check for the additional

\$20,000 – **if you would like to double your donation, we would value your support.** Please mark your donation “Matching Grant,” and it will be counted.

Continued ... Family, Motherhood and Unconditional Love

Continued from page 1: One of Barbara’s favorite things about GCCLC is the care and concern they have for Tausha and the ‘personal touch’ CEO Cathy Cash and Director Chip Pearson have for each and every person in the organization. They know every person by name and they are known by all. The same can be said about the staff...it is one big family.

She loves it that Tausha is coming out of her reserve and doing so well.



Call 405 238 3888 to order your ink and toner. and support GCCLC.



Valley Market, 505 S. Walnut, PV



Plasticulture

Staff and clients are working to get the market back up and running after a rough and cold winter. Plants are growing, flowers are blooming and we are all ready to welcome the sunshine of the spring. The Koi have arrived, along with water plants. Most of the summer vegetables have been planted, and we are looking forward to a good crop. We planted some plants using the plasticulture techniques—see photo.

Pauls Valley Recycling Center, 505 S. Walnut, PV

April 22, 2014, was

Earth Day

We had a successful day full of activities and fun.

Special thanks to our booth participants and to our Water Bottle Contest Winners!!!

15,863 water bottles were collected by Jefferson and Whitebead schools.

Contest Winners:

1st place Mrs. McCurley's Class at Jefferson

2nd Place Mrs. Coates' Class at Whitebead

3rd Place Mrs. Dansby / Freeman's Class at Jefferson



Mrs. McCurley's class, top and Mrs. Coates' bottom



Kevin and Michael



PAULS VALLEY RECYCLING CENTER

Valley Gifts & Awards, 115 E. Paul, PV

Visit Valley Gifts & Awards at its new website!!

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Come by or call Valley Gifts & Awards at

(405) 238-7500 and let them help you with your

customized Mother's Day, Graduation or other special gift.



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Pauls Valley, OK 73075 Email: md@gcclc.com

Send a gift today and not only will we send you a thank you letter/receipt, we will send a **Mother's Day Card** to someone special in your life, letting her know the gift was sent to GCCLC in her honor, or to a family if the gift was given in memory of someone special. **Please include the address.**

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Valley Farmers Market
Valley Gifts and Awards
Pauls Valley Recycling Center

Would you like to give a gift in memory or in honor of a special Mother in your life?

Your name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email address: _____

In Honor/Memory _____

Address you want Mother's Gift sent:

City/State/Zip: _____

Please mail in the envelope provided.

The amount of your gift will
remain anonymous.

Message from Cathy Cash, CEO

Dear Friends,

I was 27 years old when I went to work for GCCLC. I had taught special education for 5 years and had two children, ages 2 and 4. Little did I know that I was soon to be in a situation where 18- to 60-year-old adults would call me Momma Cash. At first, I was a little bit embarrassed, and not really sure what to say to them. As time progressed, I got older and more experienced and I came to appreciate that they were expressing their love, but even more importantly, they were expressing their faith in me. Many of the people we accepted into our program in the 1980s were people who had very little or no family involvement. The early days were tough, but we stuck it out together, through good times and bad and we

made it work. Not only did they come to know they could count on us, we came to understand we could count on them, too. Our staff and clients grew close to one another and over time, we learned that caring about someone went both ways. To our surprise, we had created a family.

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Cathy Cash

Fortunately, our society has evolved, and young children with disabilities stay with their families and receive their education and prescribed therapy within the public school system. However, like all children they, **too**, reach an age when they wish to

their lives. Their parents are aging and need to prepare them for a time when the parents will no longer be in the picture. But every momma wants to know her child is moving into an environment where he or she will be not only cared for, but cared about, as well. It is our job to continue to focus on making GCCLC that kind of place. We take great pride in making mommas feel comfortable enough to leave their children in our hands, whether they are 18 and coming out of high school or 62 and coming out of SORC. All mommas are special, but mommas of children with disabilities are really a special kind of special. So when one of my clients yells across the workshop floor or sees me at an activity and calls me Momma Cash, I feel extra special, too.

Cathy Cash

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