Dear Baylor CARE Friends and Families,

We are happy to share the November & December newsletter with you. We hope you are enjoying a wonderful holiday season!

In this newsletter, we will share with you an exciting new endeavor. Doctoral student Abby Hodges has begun a feeding intervention program. We are so excited about the work she is doing and look forward to helping more families who struggle with problem behavior at mealtime.

As usual, it is an honor and pleasure to celebrate the accomplishments of our clients and therapists. Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

Tonya Davis
Baylor CARE now offers intensive, behaviorally-based feeding therapy to assist with food refusal and food selectivity. The purpose of the feeding program is to expand the child’s food preferences, introduce new foods into the child’s diet, and decrease problem behaviors associated with feeding. After an initial interview conducted with caregivers as well as a medical evaluation of biologic factors from the child’s pediatrician, therapists apply empirically supported strategies that have been individualized to meet the specific needs of each child. At the conclusion of treatment, caregivers are trained to implement the strategies at home and will attend regular consultation meetings where they will be coached on the strategies used. For more information, contact Abby Hodges at abby_hodges@baylor.edu, or inquire at drop off/pick up.

Congratulations to CARE therapist 2014 – 2015, Victoria Pittman. Victoria successfully completed all the requirements to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.
Client Spotlight: Wytten

Hi my name is Wytten and I am 6 years old! I have been coming to CARE for about a year and I love it! I also love playing on the swing, puzzles, and cracker cheese!

Therapist Spotlight: Kaitlyn Bundrick

Meet CARE Therapist Kaitlyn Bundrick! She is from Shreveport, Louisiana and received her bachelor’s degree from Louisiana Tech University in Family and Child Studies with a concentration in Applied Child Development.

After receiving her bachelor’s degree, she was a teacher’s assistant at a private school where a small handful of children had ABA therapists with them throughout the day. It was there where she first saw what ABA was and how amazing it was for children and their families. “I originally chose Baylor because of the practical experience at CARE and working with amazing professors in the field. I knew it was the place I wanted to earn my master’s degree!”

Her experience thus far at CARE has been more than she could’ve hoped for. “It makes my day knowing I have clients that are just as excited to see me as I am excited to see them! Being able to develop my own goals and intervention plans and learning from my colleagues has been so rewarding. It is a wonderful environment to grow as a student and professional!”

Upon graduation, she hopes to gain her BCBA credential and work in a clinic or in the school system advocating for children with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Her long term goal is to open up her own ABA clinic that would include a developmental preschool for children with ASD.