Dear Baylor CARE Friends and Families,

We are happy to share the March & April newsletter with you. We hope you are enjoying the beginning of a great spring!

In this newsletter, we will share with you an exciting new endeavor at the Baylor Center for Developmental Disabilities. Special Education professor Dr. Tracey Sulak is directing a new reading program. We are so excited about the work she is doing and look forward to helping more children with this new program.

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 is proud to announce that the Baylor Center for Developmental Disabilities now offers reading programs early reading skills as well as functional literacy for children with moderate to severe disabilities. The purpose of the reading programs is to train future special educators to teach literacy to all students in our community. Through this program, children will gain skills that will help them be successful in school and skills that will contribute to their independence. After an initial interview with the program staff, the child’s needs and parent’s goals for the program will be identified. Additional assessments may be conducted as well. The program will be held Tuesday/Thursday, March 14 - April 27, from 3:45-4:45 pm at the Baylor Center for Developmental Disabilities. Each session will consist of literacy components such as letter sounds, spelling, writing, reading fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and fostering a positive attitude towards reading! For more information, please contact Dr. Tracey Sulak, tracey_sulak@baylor.edu.

Congratulations to CARE therapist Abby Hodges. Abby received two awards for her research at the Texas Association for Behavior Analysis Conference. Her research poster was selected for best student poster and she was also awarded a James L. Kopp Memorial Scholarship, which is awarded to only two students in the state of Texas!
Client Spotlight: Joshua

Hi my name is Joshua and I am 4 years old! I have been coming to CARE for about a month now and I love it. I also love M&M’s, playing with puzzles, and watching Daniel Tiger!

Therapist Spotlight: Amy Feind

Meet CARE Therapist, Amy Feind! She is from Waco and received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education with an emphasis in Special Education from Baylor University. After spending three summers at a camp for children and adults with special needs, she decided to continue at Baylor to pursue a Master’s of Arts degree in the ABA program. Baylor has always provided an incredibly supportive atmosphere for learning. It has also stretched me to think critically about my personal and professional beliefs and to grow into a more open-minded individual.

Her experience has provided her with the opportunity to learn what kind of therapist she is. Creating each of my clients’ programs on my own has challenged me to keep a research-oriented mind while applying the research to fit the needs of each of my clients. Her favorite thing about working at CARE is she gets to work with parents to help their child reach their full potential. There’s nothing more rewarding than seeing each kid reach their milestones.

Upon graduation, she hopes to earn her BCBA credential with the hopes of teaching in a self-contained classroom for a few years before transitioning into a behavioral consultant role for teachers. Her long-term goal is to eventually become either a Special Education Director or work in the Texas or U.S. Department of Education to help advocate for students with special needs and their families.