



# Volunteer Connection

## The Rainbow Report - October 2019

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### Events Galore!

We are very excited about both our new and returning events! Last Thursday, we held our first **Detroit Uncorked** event in a partnership with the Detroit Wine Organization (DWO). We had over 400 attendees and 100 volunteers help make this a successful event and we ended up surpassing our fundraising goal!!

On Sunday, November 24th, the **Celebration of Dreams** is back! This annual event features a Wish Child fashion show, huge silent auction, live entertainment, dinner, and more! Last year we sold out the event, so buy your tickets below to secure your seat at this holiday extravaganza!

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[Click Here to Purchase Celebration of Dreams Tickets](#)  
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**Halloween Special: Purchase your tickets before November 1st to receive 2 tickets for \$125!**

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## Volunteer Opportunity

### Our Dancing Lights

Kick off the holiday season with family, coworkers or friends!

We need your help with greeting visitors and monitoring traffic flow at this award-winning outdoor holiday light show. The show features more than 60,000 lights choreographed to holiday music.

Address: 3111 Paramount Lane (near Tienken and Squirrel)

### Volunteers Needed:

6pm-8pm or 8pm-10pm

November 29th & 30th

December 6th & 7th

December 13th & 14th

AND

6pm-8pm or 8pm-11pm

December 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, & 25th

To volunteer for any of these time slots, please [CLICK HERE](#) or email Kristen at [kpontz@rainbowconnection.org](mailto:kpontz@rainbowconnection.org)

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## It's Nice To Meet You!



Hi, I'm Kristen Pontz, and I am the new Volunteer Coordinator for The Rainbow Connection! Some of you may already know me, as I have been working at TRC for 3 years as a Wish Coordinator. However, I got married in September and have a new last name - Kristen McKelvey might sound more familiar.

Karen left very big shoes to fill, but I am excited to be in this new role! A few fun facts to introduce myself...

I have a 2-year-old pit bull pup named Charlie. Be careful - if you ask about him, I will talk about him forever and probably even pull out some pictures. I am a proud Penn State alum and a huge football fan. Go Nittany Lions!! I am so lucky to also be a part of the Wish Department here at Rainbow! My favorite part of the job is getting to see the smile on the faces of our wish kiddos when they realize their wish really can become a reality!

I look forward to working with each and every one of you! If you have any comments, questions, or suggestions about our volunteer program please don't hesitate to reach out any time. Thank you for all you do to support The Rainbow Connection and our Wish Families!

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## From the Wish Department

**Horsepower for Hope**

*A little rain can't stop our wish families from having fun!*

A few weeks ago, our Wish Families were invited to attend Horsepower for Hope at M1 Concourse. The wish children and their families had a BLAST racing toy cars, making arts & crafts, listening to live music, getting fun facepaint, and more! They even got to participate in Viper & Hellcat thrill rides! How cool is that?!

This fun event was put on by **Project Beautiful - Inside & Out** and we were so happy to be a part of it for the 2nd year!



## Happy October Birthday!



\*Zoya Ahmed \* Patty Anderson \* John Blakowski \* Julie Burke  
\* Sonja Chew \* William Collins \* Brandy Culver \* Mika Dickens  
\* John Foehr \* Martha Henry \* Michael Henry \* Rita Homminga  
\* Robert Javery \* Solomon Johnson \* Sapna Kher \* Rebecca Koon \* Kimberly Krizanich \* Richard Latiff \* Angela Lewis \* Elena Makssoud \* Rebecca Mcwethy \* Elliana Miller \* Patrick Paille \* Mark Perwerton \* Linda Phillips \* Eboni Pickett \* Miho Prokurat \* Raymond Halatsis \* Casey Rehm \* Michelle Rizzo \* Seth Stark \* Stephen Szappanyos \* Donna Van Dam \* Selene Whitfield  
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