



# COMMUNITY IMPACT

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## CAROLYN ROBISON CELEBRATES 27 YEARS WITH RCYS

Carolyn Robison - Business Manager for RCYS began her work in 1996, with the intent of staying until her daughter graduated from high school. Her daughter, Shannon, graduated 13 years ago. Carolyn is still faithfully serving our organization and our community.



Carolyn Robison and Executive Director Herb McSpadden

**"I believe in what RCYS does and I am honored to be a part of it."**

Carolyn is a behind the scenes person. In 2018 she was rightly honored as a Claremore Chamber of Commerce "Behind the Scenes Leading Lady."

Carolyn states, "I believe in what RCYS does and I am honored to be a part of it. RCYS has helped so many families, so many struggling kids, because we care about each client, each U-Turn student, and each individual in the schools."

Carolyn and husband David live in Claremore. She enjoys traveling with family, watching sports, fishing with David, being outside, reading, adventures, and hanging out with her pets Charlie and Odie.

**SWEET SOIREE**

BENEFITTING ROGERS COUNTY YOUTH SERVICES

**Saturday, February 3, 2024**

**PECANDEROSA RANCH**  
23606 S Keetonville Rd  
Claremore, OK 74019  
Doors Open at 5:30 PM

**SAVE THE DATE!**

# PREVENTION AND EDUCATION

## IMPROVED SPACE FOR INDIVIDUAL CLIENTS

RCYS staff have doubled in the past 18 months, so we're making the most of our space. We now have a dedicated office for our prevention and education team to meet with clients individually. We also have a multi-use space for our team to collaborate and plan activities. This is the first step in improving the overall experience for our clients and families.



## RCYS AND VOLUNTEERS FOR YOUTH TEAM UP FOR BLAST SUMMER CAMP

This summer, Rogers County Youth Services taught life skills at the annual Volunteers for Youth summer "BLAST camp". BLAST was hosted for 1 week in June and July for 4th-8th grade Rogers County students. They practice real life applications on how to be "a highly effective teenager."

One habit taught included activities that encouraged a "win - win" mentality. This habit teaches the mindset of being happy when others succeed. Thinking "win - win" is useful in relationships, at home, school and sports.



# COUNSELING CORNER

## NEW RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS

Coming soon, our office will feature Phase Booklets that parents can read while waiting in the lobby. These booklets guide parents to a deeper understanding of what their child needs at each phase in their development.

More in-depth books are available for check out at the front desk. If you'd like to purchase these books or other resources, scan the QR code.



## HELP FOR BACK TO SCHOOL ANXIETY

The beginning of a new school year is exciting, but can be a stressful time for children and families. Free counseling is available year round to equip youth with tools that can help them overcome stress, anxiety, peer pressure, depression and more.

**For more information about our services, please visit our website at [www.rcys.org/services](http://www.rcys.org/services) and fill out a referral form.**



# RCYS IN THE COMMUNITY



## RCYS INTERN SERVED BY OKLAHOMA YOUTH FORCE

Youth Force is an annual volunteer event hosted by Methodist churches in Oklahoma. This year was Claremore's turn to host, with 75 adult and youth volunteers from different churches serving at 20 sites across Claremore. Volunteers cleaned yards, painted, built wheelchair ramps and other projects. **Lauren Worley, summer intern with RCYS**, who served in past years, received help from Youth Force this year - her house was chosen as a site.

## RCYS TEAM MEMBERS PARTICIPATE IN LOVE DAY

Over 140 volunteers participated in Love Day, a day when local churches, businesses, civic groups and the City of Claremore come together to serve senior citizens around Claremore. Volunteers assisted with yard work, minor construction and home repairs at over 30 sites around Claremore. RCYS team members Shala Padilla, Kim Montgomery, and Anita Jestes and their families participated this year.



## GIVING INFORMATION

[WWW.RCYS.ORG](http://WWW.RCYS.ORG)

RCYS is a private, not-for-profit 501c3. Our FEIN is 73-1024338. If you are interested in making a legacy gift, we have an endowment fund through the Tulsa Community Foundation.



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