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## Clabough Foundation Awards Rainbow Center \$2,000

Rainbow Center – Children & Family Services recently received a \$2,000 grant from the Helen M. Clabough Charitable Foundation to support art and cultural activities for children living in the center's residential care (group home) programs.

“We are excited about what this grant will allow our children to experience. Maintaining five group homes, which includes caring for up to 33 children at a time, is an expensive endeavor. We are always looking for opportunities to enrich the lives of the children we serve and now with the assistance from the Clabough Foundation, we will be able to expose them to the many arts and cultural activities that our Teaching Parents and region has to offer,” said Rainbow Center CEO Glenda Andrews.

The goal of the project is to build self-esteem in Rainbow Center children through the arts and expose them to the culture of the High Country. Funds for this project will be used from May 2006 through March 2007.

“We have found that it is therapeutic for the children who stay at Rainbow Center to be involved in the arts. Any art form such as painting, poetry, theater, music, etc. helps our children cope with their situations and be able to express themselves through the arts,” said Rainbow Center Public Relations Coordinator Koren Huskins.

Rainbow Center has five cottages and can serve up to 33 children at any given time. In the course of a year, the center serves over 100 children. Each cottage has two sets of teaching parents, and each pair

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works in the home seven days a week on a bi-weekly basis. In addition to caring for the children, teaching parents bring their own talents to each cottage and share them with the children. For example, Rainbow Center has a few teaching parents that play musical instruments and they share their abilities with the children.

“Arts and cultural activities help the teaching parents and children bond, as well as bring the children ‘out of their shells’ to deal with the circumstances that brought them to Rainbow Center. I am so thankful for the support of the Clabough Foundation because their gift will truly impact the lives of our children,” continued Huskins.

For more information about the foundation, click to [www.claboughfoundation.com](http://www.claboughfoundation.com).

For more information about Rainbow Center programs, call 336-667-3333, email [admin@rccfs.com](mailto:admin@rccfs.com) or click to [www.rainbowcenterforchildren.org](http://www.rainbowcenterforchildren.org).



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