

Optimist Newsletter Continued



Ed Harrison Memorial Golf Scramble

Financial Support for:
YMCA Camp Carson



Announcements & Upcoming Events

- Todd Wahl provided an update on our tax-exempt status—Indiana responded, but in true bureaucratic fashion, they'll "be back in touch soon."
- We discussed lending a hand at the *Tri-State Food Bank* during one of their "blitz" campaigns. The next one is Saturday, March 12, where we'll help prepare food boxes. (No experience needed—just two hands and a willingness to help!)

Guest Speaker: Kathryn Kornblum – Parenting Time Center

Our Foundation has supported Parenting Time Center for years, and Kathryn Kornblum gave us an inside look at the incredible work they do. Founded in 2009, their mission is to help parents and children build positive relationships in a safe and nurturing environment.

- They've worked with families for **over 6,000 hours** and helped **more than 225 children** last year. Our Foundaton has given them grants for several years.
- When families are separated, they provide a safe space for parents and children to bond.
- Kathryn shared five powerful success stories of parents reconnecting with their children, proving that their work truly changes lives.
- Their vision is to break the cycle of fragile families through services, partnerships, and collaboration.

Kathryn finished by talking about the special book, "Little Mole Finds Hope" by Glenys Nellist which they were able to help purchase with a grant from our Foundation.

Next Meeting: March 12th!

Josh Paulson will take over as president, with guest speaker Ashley McReynolds from *Albion Fellows Bacon Center*. Mark your calendars and bring your Optimist spirit! See you there!

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