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In Memory of Dr. Isadore B. Temkin

Dr. Isadore B. Temkin, founder of the Brooker Children's Dental Center passed away on April 9, 2015. He and his family established the Children's Dental Center in 1994 in memory of Dr. Abraham Temkin. Once the Dental Center opened, Dr. Temkin remained active in the center's operation, serving as Dental Director for many years and as a member of the Dental Committee up until the time of his death. Dr. Temkin's vision for the Brooker Dental Clinic was that all children would have access to quality, affordable dental care. Dr. Temkin was very proud of the Dental Center and was quite pleased to be on hand when we reached our 120,000th patient visit during the Center's 20th anniversary celebration.

Dear Friends,

The big story at Brooker this past year was the culmination of our building and renovation project on our Litchfield Street property. We are very pleased and excited with the result – we have a beautiful new building in which to care for the community. As proud as I am of this, I'm even more proud of the behind the scenes "human stories" that unfolded as the bricks and mortar of the building took shape.

Trust, patience, dedication, kindness, pride, and skill are just a few words that accurately reflect the backstory of the building project over the past two years. I'd like to share a few of these stories and how the true values of the Brooker family are etched on every inch of the structure.



From the early planning days, staff and board and building committee members enthusiastically spent hours and hours reviewing and tweaking floor plans and space layouts. They added creative and practical elements to ensure the space would meet our program needs and give us flexibility to grow and change in future years. As the project got underway, the child care staff kept a positive attitude while dealing with noise and dust, multiple classroom moves, limited parking, and other inconveniences that couldn't be avoided. The dental staff showed great patience during the two years they operated off-site overcoming challenges with retrofitting a building for their use.

The construction workers demonstrated skill and pride within their trades. They were also kind and friendly to the very excited children in our child care center who watched the project unfold from the first demolition crew that arrived to the last painter to leave. The workers would wave to the kids, greet them with a smile and show off their trucks and tools much to the children's delight. The kids got so familiar with one of the workers, he was greeted with "Mr. Ron!" and high fives were not uncommon. Another tradesman brought his rock and roll band to Brooker after his shift and performed an acoustic set for the kids, staff and parents. Brooker treated the workers to lunch one day and the children delivered it with a big banner and a chorus of "Thank You!" (from behind the construction fence of course!).

Parents of the children in our child care center demonstrated their trust in Brooker and their appreciation of our program by continuing to bring their children to our center throughout the construction project and the many inconveniences that accompanied it. Our staff, in turn, kept families informed of the many changes to entrances, parking, a couple of unexpected closings and day to day developments. The relationships we have developed with our families assured them their children would be safe and secure while we built a new building for them and around them!

Our board president Bill Marchand and building committee chairman Jim Rokos were instrumental in the success of the project - asking many questions, contributing ideas and ensuring we stayed on budget.

I could go on and on about the kind acts, dedication and commitment by so many people throughout the project. It's truly been an amazing couple of years at Brooker. I, along with the staff and board, am excited and ready to begin the work of writing Brooker's next chapter - putting our new space to good use for the betterment of our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy C. Coyle". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Cathy Chiron Coyle, Executive Director

Child Care & Early Learning Center Highlights

NURSERY SCHOOL

In the fall of 2014, we added a new Nursery School Program for children ages 3 and 4. The program was developed for families who do not need full-day care for their child, but want their child to have early learning experiences to prepare them for school. For many children, nursery school is their first experience in a structured setting with teachers and groups of children. It's an opportunity to learn to share, follow instructions, and begin the foundation for learning that will occur in elementary school. Children worked on early literacy, math, and science skills through developmentally

Large rocks unearthed during our own renovation project have also been added for children to test their skills. Teachers have created additional digging areas where children can look for worms and bugs, and even play in the mud. The children have loved the additions and more are planned!

FIT TOGETHER

Child Care Director Charlene Lee continues to sit on the Youth and Families Subcommittee of Fit Together. To support the committee's mission of combating childhood obesity, a parent education workshop was presented on the topic of nutrition. The workshop was the result of a



appropriate activities indoors and out, and had many opportunities to interact socially with peers. The program received excellent feedback from families and we are looking forward to another year of learning and fun!

NATURAL PLAYGROUND

Nature inspired features and elements in playgrounds have been shown to promote increased creativity, physical activity, and the utilization of more varied motor skills. The staff of the Early Learning and Child Care Center worked this past year on adding natural elements to the children's playgrounds. A path of tree stumps in varying heights has been added to both the toddler and preschool playgrounds for climbing, jumping, sitting, and pretend play.

partnership with the USDA SNAP-ED program and provided families with a food preparation demonstration, information, and tips about how to increase the amount and variety of fruits and vegetables in meals. The committee has also been working with local childcare centers to implement a program called 5-2-1-0. The program's intent is to raise awareness that children should be eating 5 fruits and vegetables daily, have 2 hours or less of screen time, engage in at least 1 hour per day of physical exercise and skip sweetened beverages in favor of water. Seven centers including Brooker are now on board and implementing 5-2-1-0 strategies to support children's health and well-being. Five local pediatrician's offices have also adopted the 5-2-1-0 strategies and messages in their work with families.

Child Care & Early Learning Center Highlights

DOLLY PARTON IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Brooker Memorial Child Care families were invited to participate in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library sponsored by the Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative (TECC) and Cradle to Classroom of Winchester. This national initiative promotes early childhood literacy for children up to age 5 by providing free age-appropriate books. More than 40 local children including several from Brooker received an annual monthly subscription for children's books. Our enrolled families are enjoying the excitement of receiving a new book in the mail each month.

I AM MOVING, I AM LEARNING

I Am Moving, I Am Learning (IMIL) is a proactive approach developed by Head Start to address childhood obesity. IMIL seeks to increase daily moderate to vigorous physical activity, improve the quality of movement activities intentionally planned and facilitated by adults, and promote healthy food choices every day. Brooker's Early Learning and Child Care Center applied for

our Child Care and Learning Center. The Center also received guidance and technical assistance from an assigned Head Start mentor. Our team then brought their knowledge and materials back to the center where policy and procedural changes were made to help improve children's health and well-being.

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Child Care Center's Family Fundraising Committee was re-convened this year to raise funds to continue offering our very popular music and yoga programs. Research has shown that practicing yoga helps children develop focus, emotional regulation, and pro-social behaviors. Participation in music activities promotes language development, brain growth, and memory skills. The committee decided on a Wine, Beer, and Food Tasting which was held in July 2015 and was a great success. Mike Nejaime of Tony's Drive-In Package Store arranged for the wine and beer vendors and was a wonderful source of support and advice. Union Savings Bank, TEC Control Systems, and Torrington



and was accepted to participate in a partnership with Head Start to bring the IMIL program to community child care programs. A team of 4 Brooker staff participated in training and received materials for implementing IMIL at

Savings Bank supported our efforts by becoming featured sponsors for the event. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, donors, and guests at the event, we were successful in funding these enrichment programs for another year.

Brooker Dental Highlights

SUMMER OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Registered Dental Hygienists Sharon Grieco and Debra Ravlin went on the road over the summer to reach hundreds of children throughout Litchfield County. Children experienced hands on fun while learning about oral health. Sharon and Debra introduced Brooker's newest hand puppet, "Connie," to children enrolled in area day care centers. They also traveled to summer camps demonstrating brushing and flossing techniques, educating youth on healthy snacks and drinks, and how to read nutrition labels.



To raise awareness of sugar content, children worked in teams trying to match up containers with different amounts of sugar to a variety of popular drinks.

2015 MISSION OF MERCY

Dental Director Archana Karanki, D.M.D. provided free dental care to Connecticut's uninsured and underserved at this year's CT Mission of Mercy held in April 2015. Dr. Karanki was joined by Brooker Dental Assistant Inna Epshtein and 1,319 other volunteers who treated a total of 1,997 patients at Western Connecticut State University in Danbury. During the two day clinic, \$1,650,000 of dental treatment was provided to those that otherwise would not have received needed dental care.

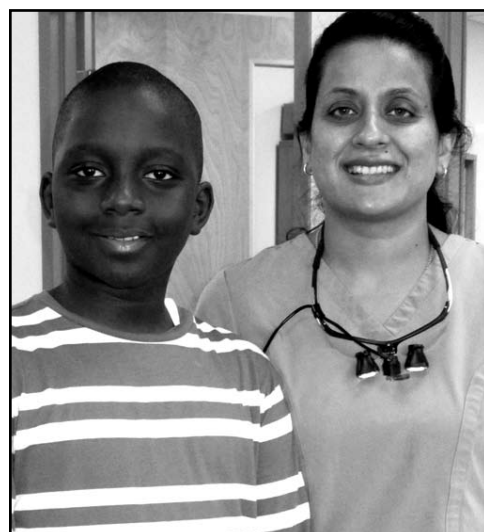
NEW STAFF

This past year, we welcomed several new clinicians to our dental team:

Dentists:

Moises Salas, DDS, MPH is an attending pediatric dentist at CCMC. He is also an attending pediatric dentist and clinical assistant professor at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine.

Through our relationship with UConn, Dr. Salas works at Brooker Dental one day per week.



Cyanka Dsouza, D.M.D., is a graduate of the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. Dr. Dsouza works in a private dental office in addition to working at Brooker.

Hygienists:

Sandy Lepage, R.D.H. graduated from Springfield Technical Community College and has seventeen years' experience as a dental hygienist.

Stephanie Hester, R.D.H. graduated from Tunxis Community College and has ten years' experience as a dental hygienist.

Assistant:

Inna Epshtein has nine years' experience working in pediatric dentistry for children with special needs. She is x-ray certified and fluent in Russian.

Brooker Dental Highlights

PRIVATE INSURANCE NOW WELCOME!

Our dental center is pleased to announce we are now seeing patients with private insurance. Our dentists are presently contracted with Anthem (Network 100, 200, 300), Delta Dental, Cigna PPO and BeneCare. We anticipate contracting with additional insurance companies in the future. We are happy to submit dental

our hygienists have fostered in each school with the nurses, administration and teachers.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

Scholarship Assistance is available to income eligible families who have no dental insurance or who cannot afford insurance co-pays. Patients with income at or under 100% of the state



claims on our patients' behalf, whether or not we are participating providers with their insurance carrier.

PREVENTIVE DENTAL CARE AT SCHOOL

With the support of The Foundation for Community Health, Brooker completed the 8th year of our Preventive Oral Health Program in Region One schools. With funding from the Brooker endowment, we also provided preventive dental care in Torrington elementary schools and Torrington Middle School. Both school districts saw an increase in participation over last year. A total of 1,082 children received caries risk assessments, cleanings and fluoride treatments. Sealants were applied as needed. Sharon Grieco and Debra Ravlin are the staff hygienists who work in the schools. The program's success is largely due to the strong relationships

median pay \$10.00 minimum per visit. Brooker endowment funds enable us to offer scholarships by subsidizing the uncollected earned revenue beyond the \$10 payment. Scholarship applications are available at our dental center and website at www.brookermemorial.org, or by calling our Dental Center.

CAVITY-FREE CLUB

Congratulations to Morgan, one of our monthly Cavity Free Club winners! Each month, a winner is drawn from all the patients who had no cavities at their cleaning appointment. The monthly winner receives a gift certificate. The Cavity Free Club is just one way we try to encourage children to practice good oral hygiene, reduce sugary snacks and drinks and come in for dental cleanings and exams every six months.

Community Outreach and Partner Program Highlights

BEST SUPPORTING ORGANIZATION

Brooker was awarded the “Best Supporting Organization in the Role of Empowering Women and Girls” by the United Way’s Women’s Leadership Initiative. The recognition was bestowed at the third annual Woman of the Year Gala in April, 2015. Barbara Spiegel, Executive Director of the Susan B. Anthony Project received the woman of the year honor. Many community members, Brooker board members and corporators attended the gala at the Torrington Country Club. Charlene Lee, Brooker Director of Child Care spoke to the audience about the many ways Brooker empowers young mothers, often just by being welcoming, building trust and encouraging them in their quest to improve theirs and their children’s situations and lives. Executive Director Cathy Coyle thanked the United Way’s Women’s Leadership Initiative and accepted the award on behalf of all Brooker staff and participants.

parenting, educational and work training, and social, emotional and other functional skills to succeed in parenting their children. During the year, a new partner joined the collaborative. Lynn Reynolds directs Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center, a non-profit supported by Sacred Heart Church. Two Hearts mission is to support impoverished parents and their young children. Two Hearts was interested in using the church’s former convent to provide short-term housing and support for this population. The established collaborative of community providers and the work being done by Two Hearts were a perfect complement to each other. Work began in the spring to further develop the model program using the convent building. Donations and corporate sponsorship will be necessary to bring the program to fruition. The Collaborative partners are hopeful this can be achieved by the end of 2016.



CHILD AND FAMILY OUTREACH/ TWO HEARTS PREGNANCY CENTER

Jan Lyon, Brooker’s Director of Outreach and Children’s Services worked this past year with area providers to develop a model short-term housing program to serve first time mothers. The target population is mothers in need of

TWO GENERATION FORUM HELD IN HARTFORD

In 2014, the Connecticut Legislature became among the first in the nation to pass a law creating a Two Generational Policy Work Group. The goal is to ensure that children and guardians are looked at in a wholistic perspective

Community Outreach and Partner Program Highlights

and can more easily access programs and services. By combining resources and records, organizations can create a “no wrong entry point” so once a family applies for one service, the need and application to others happens at the same point, enabling service registry to families that may not have known the service existed.

Jan Lyon, Director of Outreach and Children’s Services, attended the Two Generation Forum in Hartford last November to prepare Brooker to help facilitate a local “Two Gen” program such as the Two Hearts housing project currently being explored. The housing project would provide wrap-around services including education, training and supports needed for low income families to raise their children in safe housing, until independence is achieved. This system breaks the cycle of poverty which is currently perseverated by homelessness, lack of education and parenting skills, exposure to drugs and violence and dependence on poor role models. Statistics presented at the legislative forum support the need for this approach and include:

- 42% of low income children continue on to be low income adults throughout their lives
- The number of CT parents without a High School diploma is equal to or greater than the number of children enrolled in all of CT K-12 schools!
- 40% of people in poverty spend 50% of their wages on housing

PARTNER PROGRAM: EDUCATION CONNECTION CENTER FOR CHILDREN’S THERAPY

The Education Connection Center for Children’s Therapy continues to grow, providing Speech, OT, and PT, and currently serves 70 patients. The Center provided 1,310 hours of therapy during the 2014-15 fiscal year and now accepts Husky insurance, Aetna, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Cigna, Connecticare, Healthy CT and Orthonet. Referrals came from Torrington, Winsted, Litchfield, Morris, Harwinton, New Milford, and Cornwall. The Center for Children’s Therapy will provide service to any child regardless of residential location.

Positive feedback continues to grow from providers and parents who are pleased to be able to eliminate long commutes for families who once received services out of town. Parents have expressed appreciation for the location and the quality of care, and Education Connection staff are excited about the new space in the Brooker building. The therapy gym includes a vertical motor skill therapy wall, therapy swings, and training stairs. The proximity to Brooker’s Dental and Child Care Centers has already generated referrals to each other’s programs.



Staff

Staff and volunteers are the foundation of all that Brooker does to serve the community. Their dedication, commitment, talent and time is greatly appreciated. Brooker salutes and thanks its staff members and volunteers!

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Linda Mueller

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OUTREACH AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Jan Lyon, Director*

- * 5+ years of service
- ** 10+ years of service
- *** 15 + years of service
- **** 20 + years of service
- + deceased



20-Year Employee

At the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Brooker Memorial Corporators, Glenna L. Ramstein, Registered Dental Hygienist, was recognized for 20 years of service. Glenna was the first hygienist to staff the Children's Dental Center when it opened in 1994. She has seen many changes over the years and she is proud to still be a part of Brooker's program. We salute and thank Glenna for her 20 years of dedicated service!

Volunteers

The past year saw a big jump in the number of community volunteers who were active at Brooker Memorial. Volunteers contributed more than 750 hours of service. We are pleased with this growth and hope to continue expanding our corps of community helpers! Some of the projects volunteers participated in included moving the child care center from one part of the building to the other and back again during the building and renovation project, greeting and registering clients for the weekly blood pressure program, helping plant and maintain the children's gardens, serving on the Child Care Parent Fund-raising committee and wine-tasting event, completing clerical projects in the dental and administration departments, and helping with maintenance and repairs. We also welcomed volunteers who worked with us to complete internships, school community service requirements and fieldwork observations.

Several staff members also volunteered their time to assist with projects and events including the Parent Fund-raising Committee and wine tasting event, pre-school graduation, food drives, United Way fundraisers, Halloween Parade, Memorial Day Parade float, book fairs, and children's portrait sessions.

Judith Addazio	Claudia Dematteis	William Marchand
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Ashley Burns-Merrill	Patti Harris	Mike Rajotte
Lorene Chiron	Judith M. Hogan	Ashley Ray
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Wilson Cianciolo	Kristen Kandefer	Jim Rokos
Boy Scout Troop 3	Melanie Kandefer	Susan Sawula
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Lillith DaSilva-Martinez	Jeremy Marchand	

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT (2014-2015)

As a non-profit organization, Brooker operates with earned revenue from child care and dental services, grants from foundations, investment income from trust funds and donations from the community. Brooker is thankful for the generosity of the following individuals, businesses and organizations who supported our programs and the families we serve. Their gifts of cash and goods or services supported The Little Green Thumbs Garden, Care Closet, Ruth Chadwick Tree of Angels, Yoga and Music Enrichment Classes, and our Dental and Child Care programs. Donors listed below contributed between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015.

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RUTH CHADWICK TREE OF ANGELS

The Ruth Chadwick Tree of Angels was created in 2012 after Ruth, who served as a Corporator and Board member of Brooker for 27 years, passed away. A dedicated volunteer, Ruth loved children, serving on the Child Care Committee of Brooker and spending countless hours preparing and soliciting holiday gifts for the annual children's Christmas party. Through the Tree of Angels, families in need from Brooker's Child Care and Dental Center can request gifts for the holidays. Paper "angels" are placed on a holiday tree where staff, Board and Corporators can choose to donate a requested gift or make gifts of cash or gift cards which are used to purchase requested items. The Tree of Angels has become a highly successful way to help families at the holidays.

During the 2014 season, 47 adults and children from 23 families received "angel gifts" donated by 45 staff, Board members and Corporators and parishioners of St. Maron's Church. Of the 47 recipients, 40 were children and 7 were adults. This year, many additional cash gifts were received in memory of J. Eric Chadwick, Ruth's husband, who passed away in November, 2014. The excess donations beyond the needs for angel requests this year will be put toward future years, ensuring the long-term success of the Angel Tree Project.

Also new in 2014, The Tree of Angels project was coordinated by a team of volunteers. Led by Judith M. Hogan and Gail Marchand, the committee coordinated the gift requests, tracking of donations, donor thank yous, and purchasing and distributing the gifts. Many warm exchanges and even a few hugs were witnessed between committee members and grateful parents whose children benefited from the generosity of the Angel Tree. Our thanks goes to Judy and Gail for their leadership and hard work and to committee members Judith Addazio, Pauline Linehan, Katherine Marchand Beyer and John and Cathleen Todor.

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Programs and Services

- Early Learning and Child Care Center for Infants, Toddlers, Pre-schoolers and before and after school care for children up through second grade
- Nursery School with Miss Tammy
- Child Care Program Enrichments in Gardening, Community Service, Music and Yoga
- Brooker Dental: Established in 1994 through the Generosity and Expertise of the Temkin Family: Preventative and Restorative Care for children and adolescents, ages 1-20. Private Insurance, Husky Insurance Welcomed. Low fees available for uninsured families.
- Dental Care for Pregnant Women
- Free Community Presentations on Dental Health, Nutrition and Exercise
- Founding Member of the NW Oral Health Collaborative
- Family Supports: Assessment, Resource Referral and Short-term Counseling
- Behavioral Health Assessments and Referrals through Greenwoods Counseling Referrals
- Weekly Blood Pressure Screening in partnership with Charlotte Hungerford Hospital
- Partner Program: Education Connection's Center for Children's Therapy - providing OT, PT and Speech Therapy – located within the Brooker building

Community Partners

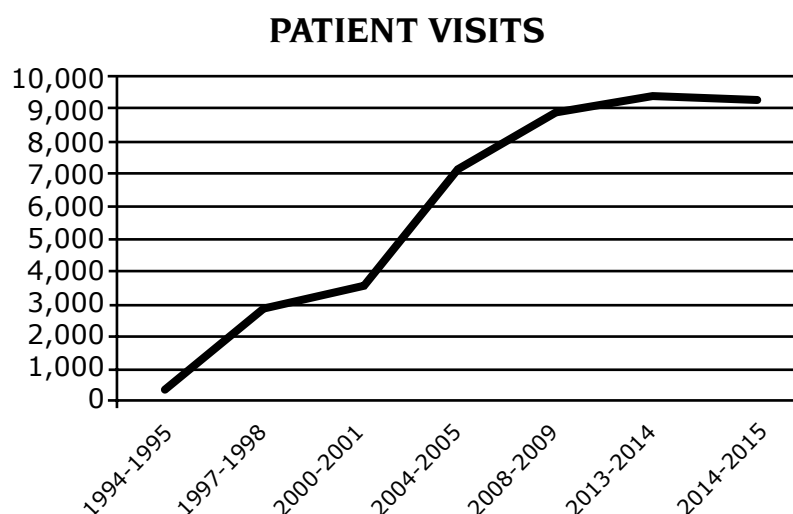
The following are Partner Organizations Brooker worked closely with during the year.

Birth to Three	Local Interagency Collaborating Council
The Center for Youth and Families	NW CT Community College
Charlotte Hungerford Hospital	Torrington Youth Service Bureau
Community Health and Wellness Dental Center	NW Oral Health Collaborative
CT Department of Children and Families	Oliver Wolcott Technical School
CT Dental Health Partnership	Parents as Teachers
CT Oral Health Initiative	Region 1 Schools
Education Connection	St. Maron's Church
Education Connection's Center for Children's Therapy	Torrington Board of Education
Family Strides	Torrington Chapter of FISH, Inc.
Fit Together	Torrington Community Council
Foundation for Community Health	Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative
Greenwoods Counseling Referrals	Torrington Elementary and Middle Schools
Head Start and Early Head Start	Torrington Family Resource Center
	Two Hearts Pregnancy Care Center
	United Way of NW CT

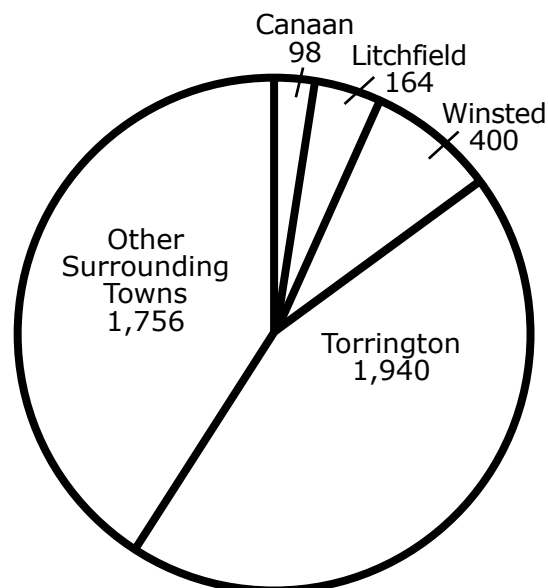
Dental Stats

The Dental Center, founded in 1994 in memory of Dr. Abraham Temkin, serves the majority of children with Husky insurance who live in Litchfield County. The Center also sees children with private dental insurance and offers low per-visit fees to families with no insurance. Brooker is proud of its history of ensuring access to quality, affordable oral health care.

	2014-2015	2013-2014
Total Unduplicated Patients Seen at the Dental Center & at the Schools	4,258	4,234
Total Number Who Were Seen in the Schools	900	880
Number Who Were New to the Practice	570	663
Number of These Who Were First Seen at the Schools	183	191
Total Patient Visits at the Dental Center and at the Schools	9,346	9,369
Total Dentist Visits	3,160	3,061
Total Hygienist Visits at the Dental Center	5,104	5,243
Hygienist Visits That Were Conducted in the Schools	1,082	1,065
Percent of Patients Seen by a Hygienist Who Had No Decay	68%	74%
Average Unfilled Appointment % <i>(due to cancellations, no-shows and unfilled appointments)</i>	17%	19%
Uncompensated Care <i>(represents fees written off that are above the \$10 per visit fee paid by uninsured patients. This is Brooker's contribution toward ensuring all children have access to dental care.)</i>	\$84,918	\$128,072
Number of Uninsured Patients	809 (19%)	1,058 (25%)
Number of Patients with Private Insurance	213 (5%)	85 (2%)
Number of Patients Insured by Husky	3,236 (76%)	3,091 (73%)



WHERE OUR PATIENTS LIVE



Child Care Stats and Financials

The Early Learning and Child Care Center is licensed to provide care for a total of 54 full-time children ages 6 weeks through second grade. The center accepts enrollment on a rolling basis, provides both full and partial week care, and welcomes diverse families with various economic backgrounds. We served a total of 85 different children last year. Thirty-three children received tuition assistance from Connecticut's Care 4 Kids program, 13 were supported with scholarship funds from Brooker Memorial, and 35 families paid tuition without assistance. Some families received assistance from the Department of Children and Families and the Torrington Board of Education.

We're proud to say our current and past families are happy to recommend us to friends and family, and referral by word of mouth is one of the most common ways families learn about Brooker. The Early Learning Center also receives many referrals from the Department of Children and Families through strong partnerships built in recent years. Additionally, we work closely with Torrington's Board of Education Special Education Department to place students in our preschool classrooms. Brooker is often a preferred site for placement due to our smaller class sizes, self-contained classrooms, experienced teachers, and enrichment programs.

BROOKER MEMORIAL FINANCIALS (unaudited)				
	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012
Income from Activities	\$1,354,768	\$1,404,089	\$1,613,342	\$1,565,800
Cash Donations	31,628	27,161	28,123	28,201
Investment Income	566,373	525,079	517,027	508,453
Total Operating Revenue	1,952,769	\$1,956,329	\$2,158,492	\$2,102,454
Less Operating Expenses	\$1,895,205	\$1,848,774	\$1,910,441	1,627,644
Gain (Loss)	57,564	107,555	248,051	474,810
Plus Realized Capital Gains	1,180,177*	865,795*	872,063*	188,935*
Total Increase	\$1,237,741	\$973,350	\$1,120,114	\$663,745

*gains reinvested or used for building project

Kids' Comments

As our child care and dental children entered the new building for the first time, we recorded their spontaneous reactions. Their comments were priceless, confirming we had succeeded in creating a beautiful and child-friendly environment.

*“Wow!
It’s beautiful here!”*



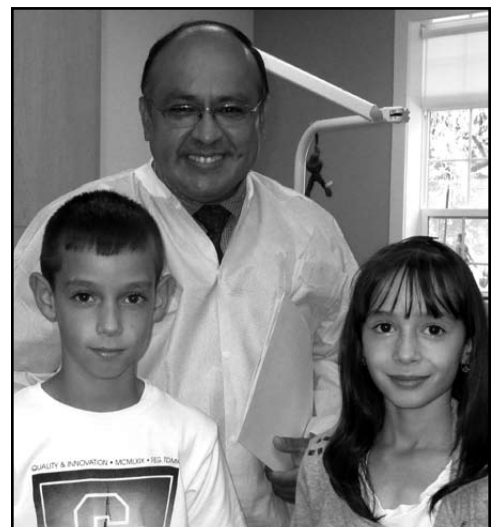
*“So nice,
it’s cool!”*



“There’s new stuff!”



*“The dentist
is so nice!”*





“It’s so big!”

*“This is
AMAZING!”*



*“This is where I get
my teeth checked!”*



*“It’s so nice
I want to shout
to the world!”*



New Building Highlights

A comfortable sitting area welcomes child care parents who want to network with other parents, talk with staff, or access educational and child development materials.



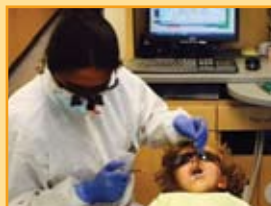
The Dental center now has a panoramic X-ray machine for more in-depth and diagnostic x-rays when needed.

New dental rooms are bright and sunny and feature digital x-rays and new cabinetry.



Child Care's indoor gym enables children to exercise and play on rainy days or when winter temperatures prohibit outdoor play. The room is available to host other functions or community groups in the evenings.

Education Connection's Center for Children's Therapy uses a motor skills wall with a chalkboard background for therapy treatments.



New dentist operatories feature i-pads with children's shows to help patients relax during treatment. The Center now has nitrous oxide (laughing gas) to aid with treatment when needed.

The Children's Therapy gym features a hanging swing, stairs and other equipment for physical and occupational therapy.



Oversized classrooms allow for space for dedicated activities. A morning "masterpiece" that is not quite finished can now be left in place and continued after naptime – a real treat for teachers and kids.

Large classrooms enable us to conduct special activities and welcome reading guests right in the classroom.



A view of a classroom before the day begins.

The Board room on the second floor can accommodate 16 people board style or up to 45 auditorium style. We look forward to welcoming community groups to use this room. It is set up for A/V and has a kitchen nearby.



A paved bike track lets our kids ride, ride, ride!

A private waiting room with video games and children's activities keeps our patients busy and entertained while waiting for their appointments or those of siblings.



Guests and visitors can comfortably wait for appointments in the main lobby.

