

# Dreams Do Come True

Hues 'N News—Spring 2021



## Some words from our Grand Worthy Advisor...

Happy new year! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and that your year is going well. I had a very relaxing Christmas holiday at home with plenty of friends and family to spend it with. When I wasn't working at either of my jobs, I enjoyed some downtime and renewed my interest in drawing. Though I hadn't picked up a pencil in a minute, it was very relaxing to try again.

Our Grand Officer Christmas party was held at the beginning of December at the Red Bank lodge in Chattanooga. Our party was Nightmare Before Christmas themed and everyone had a ghoulish time. Our party included a pumpkin patch and plenty of desserts. After making blankets for a local animal shelter, we played a murder mystery with a Peter Pan twist to finish the evening.

December was a busy month for me. After 3 and a half years of work, I finally graduated with my Bachelors in Biology. I also received admission offers from two different vet schools: Mississippi State and Tennessee. I am still trying to make a decision on the school as both programs have their merits. Either way, I am absolutely thrilled to have made it in my first application cycle and can't wait to see where this next phase in life takes me. I'm very ready to be a veterinarian!



I am very excited to see what Tennessee can accomplish in this new year. Though times are still uncertain, I am grateful that each of you have remained loyal to our order! Thank you to each and every assembly that has been participating in our service projects; it is nice to see the impact we can make even in these unprecedented times. I am hopeful that we will be able to have a couple of different state events in the next few months. Stay strong and please remain safe out there. I am hopeful that the vaccine will make a positive impact on our numbers.



Thank you to the adults who have been working tirelessly to keep Tennessee Rainbow functioning. It has not been an easy year but we must remain strong and keep a bright outlook! "When there's a smile in your heart, there's no

better time to start" As long as we keep our spirits high, there is nothing that we can't get through!

I would like to make a quick shout out to my grand page, Jalise Gleaves from Hendersonville! Jalise, thank you for being awesome! I hope you are doing wonderful; reach out to me if you need anything at all!

I hope to see everyone soon and (hopefully) in person. Please continue the great work and remember to never grow up!

Katelyn Broadway  
TN GWA 2020-2021

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## Supreme Temple

AKA Mom Fortenberry's New Hangout

TN is so very proud of the fact that one of our own has the grand distinction of leading our great organization on an International basis. Having said that, we thought we would give you a little history on the temple that rainbow built 70 years ago.

The headquarters of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls is located in McAlester, Oklahoma, USA. The executive offices (Mom Fortenberry's Office), the supply department, auditorium, trophy room, library, and reception room are located here. This beautiful edifice cost one-half million dollars and is a monument to a youth organization built on the principles of Love and Service. The building was completed and formally opened November 18, 1951.



An imposing entrance runs the full three-story height of the building, flanked on either side by half-circle wings composed of glass windows.

The official Rainbow emblem is directly above the entrance. The first floor has a foyer, library, reception room, a large kitchen, stock room, and boiler room. In the library Rev. Sexson placed his own personal library, which contains many rare books. In the foyer there is a bronze bust of Rev. Sexson on a mahogany stand, a gift from the girls of all the states.

The International Order of the Rainbow for Girls in Tennessee  
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Hello and Happy New Year to my Rainbow Family!

The first half of this Grand year has not been what we expected, but we certainly have made the best out of it. In November, it was nice to still fulfill our Grand Cross of Color Obligation by meeting together, even if it was by Zoom. The afternoon was filled with fellowship, tributes and a modified bread service. More than anything, it was so nice to see friends across the state.

In December, the Grand Officers and myself travelled to Chattanooga for our annual Grand Officers Christmas party. The Broadways outdid themselves with our “Nightmare Before Christmas” themed party complete with decorations, activities, and some of the best BBQ nachos I think I’ve ever had. The highlight of the party for me though was getting to participate in the murder mystery activity. It was so fun seeing all of the girls’ theatrical sides come out throughout the day. Thank you Faith Warehime for being such a good sport as the victim.



Like most other families, our Christmas looked differently as well. Thankfully, Anderson and Caroline were finally at an age where they understood Christmas and were excited for all the festivities so that made this ‘different’ holiday a little bit more fun. Unfortunately waking up on Christmas morning hearing that a bomb went off less than 10 miles from our home was very disheartening. Like other past tragedies, the city of Nashville picked up the pieces and will go on. I ask that you continue to pray to those who were affected.

Now that the first of the year is here, I am excited to gear up for the second half of our Grand Year. I have been on zoom calls with some workers in our state brainstorming some fun ideas that will take place. This year, my goal for Tennessee Rainbow is to retain our current members by keeping them involved and informed while we recruit new members. My hope now that the vaccine is out and people are taking it, we can finally start to get back to normal. Please make plans now to attend our Grand Assembly session June 26th-28th. Until we meet again, stay safe!

Rainbow Love,  
Mom Rachel



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Happy New Year!

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season. My wish for the New Year is for everyone to stay safe and well and that we can get together soon. It was great to get together with the Grand Officers in Chattanooga for our Christmas Party. Even though we were in masks we had a wonderful time. Many thanks to Katelyn and her family for all of their hard work in the planning and preparation of a successful and fun event.

I know everyone had a very different Christmas experience. It was sad not to be together physically but our extended family was able to have our usual Christmas Eve gathering by Zoom. We were in 7 different locations but were able to pull it off. Of course, the most fun was experiencing Christmas with our two very energetic and excited 3 year old twin grandchildren.

I hope you all have been able to talk with others in your assembly by zoom or conference call while we have been unable to get together physically. Sisters instinctually know how to nourish each other, and just being with each other( even if it is just over a phone or computer!) is restorative.

Right before Thanksgiving, Dad Randy and I moved to his childhood home so we are still in the process of unpacking boxes and getting settled. We are still cleaning out our old house but I suppose we will get everything accomplished we wish to do eventually!

I look forward to connecting with everyone, electronically or in person, in the very near future. Technology can be a blessing. Remember, blessings aren't just meant to be enjoyed - they're meant to be used and shared with those who have less. And at the heart of our faith based traditions is the idea that we're all better off when we treat our brothers and sisters with the same love and compassion that we want for ourselves.

From my heart to yours, Mom Beth Williams, State Mother Advisor 2020-2021

Hello and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe holiday season. I miss seeing all of you, and I hope we will be able to be together again soon!

I've started back at Vol State, and I will be graduating next fall with my associates in History. I've been keeping in touch with my Rainbow Assembly, Hendersonville

#3, on our regular meeting nights over Zoom.

When I am not doing homework, my sister and I are invested in binge watching shows and even playing some video and board games! Mexican Train Station has become a new family favorite. I want to give a shout out to my Grand Page, Amelia Leinaar. I hope we will be able to see each other soon! I hope everyone stays safe!

With Rainbow love and service,

Carrigan Brummett, Grand Worthy Associate Advisor 2020-2021



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Happy 2021 to all!! We made it through the chaos that was 2020. Over the past few months, it has been fairly calm, and I have slowly been readjusting and gaining some sense of normalcy that evaded us for most of last year.

My home Assembly has continued to have virtual meetings via Zoom, and we have been working on the Centennial Proficiency for Mom Fortenberry's Supreme project. The Grand Officers' Christmas party was hosted in Chattanooga, and we had fun making blankets for local animal shelters, participating in a murder mystery activity and spending time with Rainbow Sisters we hadn't seen in a while.

Despite the challenges we have faced with the pandemic, there have been some positive outcomes. At the end of last semester, I officially declared my major. I am a Global and Cultural Studies major with a concentration in Human Geography and a minor in French. Over the holidays, I mostly spent time with family and worked at Target. I also watched a lot of Disney+ and Netflix over the break. I am now back in Birmingham for the Spring semester, and I look forward to seeing what this year has in store for us.

I would also like to say hello to my Grand Page, Callie Jones. I hope we are able to meet soon. I know this year and last have been crazy, but hopefully we will regain some sense of normalcy soon.

Love and Service, Zealan Hoffman,

Grand Recorder 2020-21



Hey Rainbow friends and family,

I hope that you are all staying safe during these crazy times and that you had a merry and bright holiday season. My family decided to keep it small this year so instead of going to my grandmother's house for dinner

with my many aunts, uncles, and cousins we each had our own smaller dinners with just those in our household. It was definitely tough since



gathering with my family is one of my most favorite things to do, but of course we are trying to do everything we can to keep each other safe.

I'm excited to see what this semester of school will bring. I cannot wait to see my friends, have in-person classes, and continue working at C.A.R.E (the local animal shelter in Jefferson County). This semester at Carson-Newman we are finally having our football season that we missed in the fall so I will be participating in marching band. Even though game days may look a little different, I am still counting it as a blessing to be able to make music and march at halftimes. I pray that things start to return to normal so that we can have fans in the stadium and that we can continue to have Rainbow meetings in person. I definitely miss seeing all of my Rainbow sisters and family!

- Noah Porter, Grand Charity 2020-2021

Hello Rainbow Sisters and friends and hello to my Grand Page, Kira. These past months have been interesting. For Christmas, my family stayed home and stayed safe. Some of my favorite presents were an ukulele and a sketch set. As far as school goes, we are still in hybrid scheduling, and for the last part of the year I will be taking my first foreign language class. I am now in the marching band along with my other classes, so things have been a little hectic, but I am chugging along.

With Rainbow love,  
Cherie Braud, Grand Patriotism

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Hey everybody, I hope you guys had a wonderful white Christmas. I was lucky enough to be able to spend my birthday at the Grand Officers Christmas party, we had so much fun and the food was amazing. School has been going pretty good so far, I've made a lot of friends on the journey through the online classes. Christmas was so much fun, I had family from Florida come up and they got to experience an amazing white Christmas. I hope everyone is doing great and staying safe in these hard times of Covid, can't wait to see you all at the next official visit!

Grand Love, Sascha Hill

Rainbow Sisters and Friends,

Happy New Years to all! I cannot believe how fast this year is going by! Big thanks to Mom Fortenberry for allowing me to have the opportunity to serve as a 2020-21 Grand Officer. I hope everyone has enjoyed their holidays and spent some quality time with friends and family.

Recently, the Grand Officers had our Christmas party in the Chattanooga Area. It was so much fun! We decorated cookies and made gnomes out of fuzzy socks it was quite the experience! I recently got ask to become manager at my job and I've been working really hard trying to finish all of my training so I can run a shift by myself. With Corona changing most schools from being in person to online I decided it was best to wait a year before going to college. In the mean time I'm currently studying to get my Real Estate License and i'm super excited. I miss all of you and I can't wait until we can all get together again.

With Rainbow Love,

Ashlee Dawson, Grand Immortality 2020-21



Hey guys,

I hope everyone had an amazing holiday season and stayed safe! Over the holidays my family and I just made the most of it and enjoyed our time together.

Also over the holidays we had our Grand Officers Christmas party. I absolutely loved getting to see everyone again and playing a very fun game of murder mystery Peter Pan style! My assembly and I have had fun with our zoom meetings and coming up with ideas for service once we can meet again. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy and I can't wait to see everyone again! Remember to stay positive and test negative!

With rainbow love and service,  
Dessie Webber, Grand Religion

Hey everyone! I hope you all had an amazing Christmas

break and a great Christmas!

I spent lots of time with family and friends. I rang in the

New Year with a new positive

view hoping 2021 will be

filled with joy and laughter!

My Quarantine Puppy Chewy

turned 1 yesterday and we

bought him mini dog safe

pizza and a dog safe chocolate

cake! I hope this year is

filled with happy times for

everyone! See you all soon!

-Claire Jones, Grand Service



Hello Rainbow Sisters and Friends!!

This year is going by so fast, and I am having so much fun with the Grand Family. Thank you so much, Mom Rachel, for allowing me to serve our state.

Since our last article, my Assembly has had lots of Zoom meetings to see each other's faces. I cannot wait to meet in person to initiate our 2 new girls. With school starting up, I am just waiting to go back on break. I had an amazing time at the Grand Officer Christmas party this year in Chattanooga. We played a super fun investigation game! I would like to give a special shout out to my Grand Page, Rylee Byrge. I cannot wait to see all of you again very soon!

With Rainbow Love, Mackenzie Illarramendi, Grand Faith



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## *Pandemic style Homecoming 2021*



**SATURDAY, APRIL 10TH**

**LUNCH: NOON / MEETING: 1 PM**



**JOHN B. GARRETT LODGE**

**2940 SIDCO DRIVE**

**NASHVILLE, TN 37204**



**VIRTUAL OPTION AVAILABLE**



**RSVP: BY APRIL 3RD**

Here is the information about our Homecoming/Covisit-19 meeting. Please reach out to your Grand Deputy or Mother Advisor if wishing to attend in person. Otherwise, you are welcome to join us virtually! Here is the link to register virtually! <https://forms.gle/xr8s5qaYUs8TJsLR6>



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Hello Rainbow Sisters,

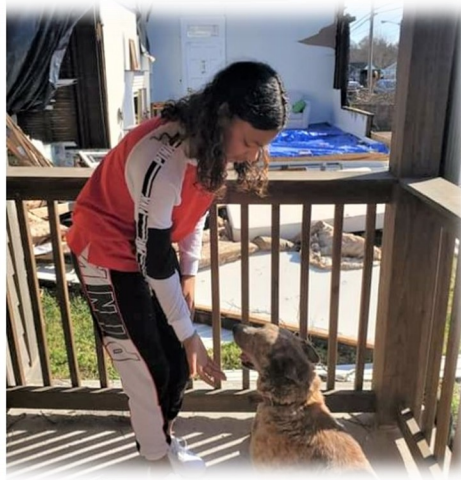
It was a lot of fun seeing my Rainbow Sisters at Camp Day! We had such a good time catching up with each other, working on Katelyn's service projects and working in teams in several activities.

Because of illness I was not able to go to the Grand Officers' Christmas party, but the week before that my Assembly had an amazing and fun Christmas party. We wrapped gifts for our Christmas families, and we painted canvases for the senior home in Murfreesboro. We had so much fun!

In Rainbow Love and Service,  
Miranda Hartman, Grand Choir Director



Claiborne Assembly #8 and the Nashville Area is so proud of one of our Rainbow Sisters! Kaiya Parman assists daily/weekly with *Paws Angels Dog Rescue*, a non-profit organization, which rescues and re-homes dogs that have been abandoned, neglected or injured. She spends countless hours helping with rehabilitation and providing an extra dose of love to these animals. The accompanying picture shows Kaiya searching for animals that survived the Nashville tornado last year!



Greetings Rainbow Sisters!

Holston #124 has started off the new year quite busy. We welcomed our new sister Breanna Nott to our Assembly with the abbreviated initiation. We look forward to letting her experience the beautiful initiation that we all have and making lots of Rainbow memories with her. Jayden Miller ended her term as Worthy Advisor with a large donation to C.A.R.E (Companion Animal Rescue and Education) which was her Worthy Advisor project. We were very grateful and blessed for all the donations and for the help of Erin Smallman for delivering them. Next we held the Installation of our new Worthy Advisor Taylor Dawson, her theme for her term is "Find Your Voice" which reminded each of us we can find our own voice and make a difference in our communities and the lives around us. Her symbols were mermaids, underwater creatures and of course rainbows. Her project will be C.A.R.E also. We love animals!! Like most of you we meet by Zoom but we do try to meet in person when possible. We look forward to being with our Rainbow sisters soon!

Rainbow Love and Service, Holston #124





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Hello Everyone from Claiborne #8



Hope everyone is well. It was such a treat to see everyone who attended Camp Day on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was the first we were able to be together since our meeting on August 15<sup>th</sup>. We enjoyed the games at Camp Day and the Silent Auction.

Our Assembly is still meeting by Zoom on our regular meeting nights. It is not the same as meeting in person, but we at least get to see each other and catch up. Hopefully in the very near future, we will be able to initiate Noel Hilton. We also have a couple of other prospective members.

We are looking forward to the next Game Night which will be held in February. We hope everyone has a fantastic Valentine's Day and continues to stay healthy.

-Claiborne Assembly #8

Hey Ladies!

Its your sister Stephanie Hartman with the Henry Lee Fox Assembly! Sadly due to COVID, we can't see each other in person like we would like too. But , we still find ways to have meetings and see each other! (On zoom of course!) On our Zoom meetings, we go over upcoming dates, and we also go over questions on our proficiency tests to refresh our memories! We have participated in zoom game nights with DeMolay and other assemblies. Which where all so much fun! In December we held our yearly Christmas party at our lodge in Murfreesboro! We were definitely following CDC guidelines such as wearing masks, and sanitizing everything we used. We all were so very happy to see each other in person! We were nothing but smiles that day. During our party some of us girls took our first proficiency test.. and NAILED IT! We ate our lunch and painted some Christmas pictures for the local senior center! That was so much fun! We also wrapped gifts for our local families! We enjoy getting to put smiles on people's faces, and serving others ! We can not wait to see all of you guys again! We hope you are all doing well!



Hello from Hendersonville #3!

Wow! The past year has brought so many changes in our world with COVID! Our Assembly has continued to meet regularly on ZOOM twice each month to share what has been going on in our lives. At our last ZOOM meeting, we were provided with a link to discover our "spirit animal". Most were sloths or the honey badger. Fun fact: The sloth's rap name is Sir Naps-A-Lot!

Our Assembly traveled to MontMilner Rainbow Camp in October for a fun day of activities. It was so great to see everyone, eat good food and play a few games. We also made some wonderful toys for the animal shelter that day as a service project.

In December, we made a window visit to one of our special friends who lives at NHC Hendersonville. Ms. Rachel was just recovering from COVID and was very excited to have a window visit as she does not have any family in the area. I'm sure she had fun opening the gifts we left for her with the receptionist!

We hope everyone is staying safe and wearing masks. We are so anxious to see everyone again!!!

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Rainbow Sisters and Friends,

Since my last article, a lot has happened. I finished up my first semester at ETSU's Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy with good grades and most of my sanity intact. During that semester, I made a lifelong friend who has helped me find my way in a group of people with significantly more life experience than I have. Her guidance has taught me to be more confident and have some fun every now and then.

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend the Grand Officer's Christmas Party this year, but I heard it was a blast. Instead, I spent that week processing COVID tests and preparing for vaccinations. It was a great learning experience for me, but I wish I had been able to safely see my Rainbow Sisters.

The holiday season was a little different for my family this year. With my mom, stepdad, and myself all working in high activity settings and being somewhat hands-on with COVID patients, we decided to make some changes. Instead of our usual huge family gatherings, we decided to visit my grandad's front porch on Christmas Eve for some cookies and distanced conversation. It was nice to talk with him, but we all knew that meeting indoors was a little too risky. My dad's family still had a small indoor family gathering for Christmas. Both of my grandparents had COVID earlier in the year and had a full recovery, so they were comfortable having the immediate family over for food and fellowship. My favorite part was getting to hear my grandparents sing their favorite Christmas hymns while playing the new guitar and mandolin they got for Christmas. To celebrate the New Year, we decided to stay home with just the family to watch the new Soul movie on Disney+ and play board games. It was nice to relax and spend the evening together.



I am now starting my second semester of Pharmacy School which puts me one step closer to my Pharm.D. After this semester, I will have the proper credits to receive my Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Studies, and I am very excited to reach that milestone in my career. There is so much to do, learn, and see before I reach these goals, and I look forward to sharing each step of the way with each of you.

To my family, thank you for your constant support. You push me to set high goals, and you hold me accountable until I reach them. To my Grand Page, Erin, I am so glad that I have gotten to know you better this year through social media, texts, and letters. I can't wait to see you again. To the girls of Johnson City Assembly, you are all so special to me, and I want you to know that I will always be available to you for anything at any time. To the

amazing Johnson City Advisory Board, you all have been the biggest blessing to our assembly. You are the most active helpers, the most supportive, and definitely the kindest group of people I have had the privilege to get to know. Your support has never gone unnoticed, and we are all forever thankful to you for all that you do for us. Mom Elizabeth, this year has been tough, but you have consistently pushed us to keep reaching out and stay positive; I am so thankful to have your guidance as we work through these uncertain times. Mom Dinah, you have been my biggest supporter and advocate this year. You always know just what to say and do when I am having a bad day. I am so thankful for your guidance and support in everything that I do. You are the rock of this area, and I am so blessed to have the pleasure to call you a friend. We would truly be lost without you. Mom Rachel, thank you again for allowing me to serve Tennessee as Grand Chaplain this year. I am very blessed to serve alongside such a wonderful group of young ladies. I cannot wait to see how Tennessee Rainbow blossoms under your guidance.

I want to leave you all with a passage from the Installation of the Sister of Faith which says:

"Remember, my Sister, that in this life we are constantly groping in darkness and without the firm guiding hand of Faith, many would fall by the wayside. Extend your hand, Sister of Faith, to guide your Sisters toward the Source of All Light." – Reverend W. Mark Sexon

I pray that we all cling to the guiding hand of Faith in these uncertain times and that we all continue to help each other stay accountable on the path towards the Source of All Light.

In Rainbow Love and Service,

Gabrielle Erin Hall, Grand Chaplain 2020-2021



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## Old Hickory # 27

Hello to our Rainbow family across the state. We sincerely hope all of you are staying well and safe in these unprecedented times. While we know 2020 was challenging and different for everyone, that has especially been true for our Assembly. As most of you are aware, our beloved Mother Advisor, Joy Todd, had to resign due to her failing health in June. She passed away shortly thereafter in November. She served the Order and our Assembly with all her strength and dedication for many years. The incredible love she instilled in her girls, as well as, the light and joy she brought each of us will stay with us always. We would like to thank the Nashville Area and the state for the outpouring of support during this difficult time. Please continue to remember her family, our girls, and our adults in your prayers as we do our best to navigate the process of moving forward.

In spite of challenging circumstances, we have come together as an Assembly and managed to stay in touch and continued to work for Rainbow. Our 2020 Grand Officers, Sarah and Cherie', served beautifully at our virtual Grand Assembly. We had a virtual tea party where we wore fancy or silly hats, showed off our favorite cups, and had a time of fellowship. We also held a group video chat just to catch up and give each other some company during quarantine. We were excited to attend Camp Day. We donated candy for St. Jude and enjoyed all the fun activities of the day.

We took some down time to grieve in the fall and focus on family during the holidays. We have since resumed Zoom meetings and will continue to do so until it is safe to be together in person. Our board was able to meet in January via Zoom. Jacqueline Lewis was elected to serve as Mother Advisor and will be installed at the next area Installation. We would also like to thank our Worthy Advisor, Cherie', for her continued dedication and leadership. We look forward to working together with you again this year. We are very eager to see everyone in person as soon as it is safe to do so and are excited to get started on future projects and adventures.

In Rainbow Love and Service,  
Old Hickory #27

