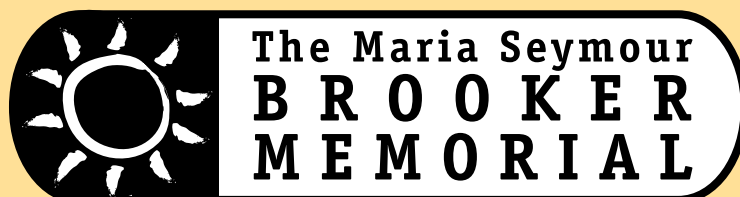


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Preparing Children for Life-long Success...



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Progress Toward a New Era!

In November 2013, Brooker Memorial broke ground on a major building expansion and renovation project. Designed by Architect Peter Wells of Tuthill + Wells Architects, the 19,000 square foot building will feature modern program space for existing programs and room for new program growth. The construction manager is Burlington Construction. The construction budget is \$3,500,000 and is funded by Brooker's endowment funds. The endowment was established in 1918 by Charles F. Brooker when he founded The Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial and named it in his mother's memory. The project is expected to be complete in June 2015.



November 2013
A groundbreaking ceremony is held



January 2014
The 1957 building is demolished



April 2014
Concrete is poured for the footings

June 2014
The concrete slab floor is poured and steel erection begins



June 2014
Children, Board and Staff sign the beam that will connect the new building to the existing child care building



July 2014
Roof trusses are installed



August 2014
Windows are installed



Dear Friends

Wow! What a year it's been! After three years of planning and waiting for government approvals, we broke ground in November for our building expansion and renovations. Since then, much has been accomplished and the entire project is scheduled for completion by June 2015.



For most of this year I have been immersed in building details such as siding and interior color selections, outlet locations, equipment purchases, furniture selection and layout, etc. It has been a great experience and I am enjoying the opportunity to work with a variety of contractors and vendors and to learn more about construction. I am embracing being challenged in many new ways.

Although my time has been diverted away from programs, Brooker is fortunate to have a talented and capable management team that continues to run our programs very successfully.

In 2014 our Children's Dental Center celebrated its 20th Anniversary of providing dental care to thousands of children. We are grateful to the Temkin family for their awareness of community needs and their perseverance that led to the establishment of the Dental Center in memory of Dr. Abraham Temkin.

Our child care programs continue to see high enrollment and to meet the needs of working families. It has been rewarding to see the rise in the number of referrals from community organizations like the Board of Education and the Department of Children and Families. We have received positive feedback about our staff's teaching ability, their love of children, and our center's warm environment. The growth in referrals underscores the importance of these attributes.

Looking forward, the building is already taking shape and holds great promise. As we anticipate the additional space and enhancements the project will provide, the next several months will see our attention turn toward developing new partnerships and programs that can grow and thrive in our beautiful new building. Brooker is on the cusp of its next era of growth and service. It is truly an exciting time.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cathy C. Coyle".

Cathy Chiron Coyle
Executive Director

Program Highlights

The Children's Dental Center Celebrates 20 Years and 120,000 Patient Visits

1993

Dr. Isadore Temkin presents to Brooker the need for a children's dental center in Torrington. The Board accepts the Temkin Family's offer of financial support and consultation to develop the program at Brooker as a memorial to Dr. Abraham Temkin. A committee with expertise in a variety of dental areas is established to develop the program. Members include: Dr. Frank N. Vanoni (physician), Dr. Isadore Temkin (dentist), Carole-Ann Stentiford (dental hygienist), Armand

I family gives, for healthy children

Republican-American

TORRINGTON — Calling it a "totally appropriate opportunity" to help the community, Zena Temkin helped dedicate the children's dental clinic at Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial.

She, her husband, Dr. Isadore Temkin, and their children helped create the clinic in memory of the late Drs. Abraham Temkin and Isadore Glickson.

More than 700 people were on hand for the dedication Sunday. The clinic opened in April to serve un-

insured and underserved children 3 to 18 in Greater Torrington.

Joyce C. Weber, Brooker's executive director, said the clinic has enrolled 72 youngsters.

"In today's expensive culture," Mrs. Temkin said, "to give something back — to leave the world a little better place than we found it — is considered by some to be a strange notion."

"Our family and the two men we honor... have always believed in helping our community whenever possible. What could be more fitting

than to establish a dental clinic for needy children? It seems even more appropriate when we remember that neither man ever turned away a patient because that patient could not pay."

A plaque honoring Temkin and Glickson was unveiled by Brooker President Francis H. Marchand, who joined with Dr. Michael Bruno, immediate past president of the Connecticut State Dental Association, in presenting the work by Glickson and Temkin, who died in 1992 and 1993, respectively.



Dr. Jorge Baujin works on the teeth of a youngster at the Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial children's dental clinic in Torrington recently. The Brooker clinic will expand its dental facility in the future to accommodate more children.

Dental clinic embraced locally

By Joyce Peck

Republican-American

TORRINGTON — Two years ago when Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial opened its children's dental clinic, the health care agency expected to serve a couple hundred children in the Torrington area.

This year the agency is caring for well over 600 youngsters age 3 to 18. Although no one is turned away, the wait for dental repair work is getting longer and longer. Dr. Jorge Baujin, one of two volunteer dentists at the clinic, is already booked into October.

Until last month, Brooker had only one room, one dental chair, a hygienist and two volunteer dentists to meet the needs of all these children. Besides Baujin, who does general dentistry work, Dr. Byron Round does orthodontics and general dentistry.

With the help of Operation Yuli, a nonprofit agency that primarily helps Third World countries, Brooker will expand its dental quarters to a second larger room in its facilities on Litchfield Street.

Operation Yuli donated a dental chair making the expansion possible and eventually will donate a total of four chairs to the children's clinic as well as other dental equipment.

Brooker is also trying to establish an alliance with the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, whereby dental students would volunteer their services in Torrington, said Joyce Weber, executive director of Brooker Memorial.

"We just don't have enough volunteer dentists," Weber said.

"Dr. Round started last July and we already have children getting braces," she said. Most of the families who use the clinic fall into the lowest income category and will pay considerably less for braces for their children than they would if they went to a private dentist on their own, Weber said.

Families are charged on a sliding scale of fees based on their gross income. "We have about 50 children on Title 19 but the majority of the families just don't have insurance. It's the working poor," said Weber.

"We usually send donations to Third World countries; but because the community has helped us start up, we wanted to provide help here," said Jean Valente, the founder of Operation Yuli.

Ramstein treats the very first patient. Dental Care is also provided by volunteer dentists including Dr. Isadore Temkin, Dr. Jorge M. Baujin, Dr. Byron Round and Dr. James Smith.

Dr. Isadore Temkin is named Dental Director of the center and volunteers in this capacity until 2002. 334 children are seen in the first full year of operation.

December 1995

Dr. Jorge Baujin receives Volunteer of the Year Award for his dedication and significant effort at the Children's Dental Center.



Program Highlights

1997

University of Connecticut Health Center is contracted to provide experienced pediatric dentists.

1998

The Dental Center expands within the existing Brooker building; two more dental chairs are added. The program continues to grow - seeing 1,234 patients in 1998.



women who have traditionally not accessed oral health care.

2012

Brooker Memorial announces a facility renovation and expansion project that will provide a brand new dental center with five dental chairs, new equipment, updated technology and expanded clinical capability.



2007

Foundation for Community Health in Sharon, Connecticut, funds Brooker to start a school-based dental hygiene program in Region One schools. 200 students are seen in year one.

2010

Following great success in Region One schools, school-based program expands to all of Torrington's K-5s and the middle school. Hygienists expand community outreach efforts providing education and dental screenings.

2011

Brooker partners with Family Strides, Inc. and Connecticut Health Foundation to expand dental care to pregnant women. After the grant completion, Brooker continues to provide low cost or free care to pregnant

2013

A research study conducted by Harvard School of Dental Medicine finds Brooker's Region One school-based preventive dental care program has made a significant and documentable improvement in students' oral health status since its inception.

The Dental Center relocates off-site for the duration of the construction project. The Center continues to be busy seeing 4,234 patients in-house and in school programs.

2014

The Dental Center marks its 20th anniversary celebrating the 120,000th patient visit!

June 2015

The new Dental Center will open in the new building.

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CAVITY FREE CLUB

The Dental Center launched a Cavity Free Club in September for its dental patients. To join the club, children must be "cavity free" or have received treatment for their cavities. Every month two winners are

25 volunteers who traveled to Guatemala on a mission trip from March 20 -27, 2014. The team of dentists, hygienists and spouses (who served as assistants) treated over 300 patients in the town of Puerto San Jose. Dr. Karanki also provided free dental



selected - one child and one parent of a Cavity Free Club member. Each winner receives a \$15.00 gift certificate. It's a fun way to promote being cavity free!

care at Mission of Mercy held in Hartford in April 2014.

CHILDREN'S GARDEN

This summer, the children were hands-on explorers and caretakers of Brooker's 10 raised garden beds. The children (with a little help from their teachers and Board Member Judith Hogan) planted and cared for the beds throughout the summer. They loved eating what they harvested, and extras were shared with families. Cabbage, swiss chard and blue potatoes were among several vegetables entered in the 2013 Goshen Fair and awarded a Blue Ribbon!

FIT TOGETHER

Dental Hygienists Leigh-Lynn Vitukinas and Sharon Grieco joined the Fit Together booth at Torrington's Main Street Marketplace in August 2013 to engage children and families with Brooker's brightly colored education wheel. Healthy snacks were given as prizes for answering questions about nutrition and oral hygiene. Visitors to the booth had fun matching up bags of sugar to the corresponding popular drinks on display. Almost everyone was surprised at how much sugar was in the 12 ounce carbonated beverage and the "energy" drink.

MISSION TRIP & MISSION OF MERCY

Dental Director Archana Karanki, D.M.D. was one of a group of

Child Care Director Charlene Lee is a member of the Fit Together

Program Highlights

Youth and Families Subcommittee. This committee's focus has been on launching a 5-2-1-0 initiative in Torrington and Winchester for the purpose of combating childhood obesity. The goal is for the community as a whole to adopt the 5-2-1-0 recommendations of 5 fruits and veggies a day, 2 hours or less of screen time, 1 hour or more of physical activity, and 0 sugary drinks. The committee has been collaborating with several local agencies and is receiving technical assistance from Maine's "Let's Go!" consultants who launched a very successful initiative there.

HALLOWEEN CANDY BUY-BACK

The Dental Center did not waste any time buying back Halloween candy from its Dental patients and children in the Early Learning Center. For three days, Brooker staff exchanged \$1.00 for each pound of candy (up to 5 pounds). The children, and the costumes some were still donning, brought big smiles to the staff. The sweets were mailed to Torrington Airman Caleb Dubourg serving in the 436th Maintenance Squadron at



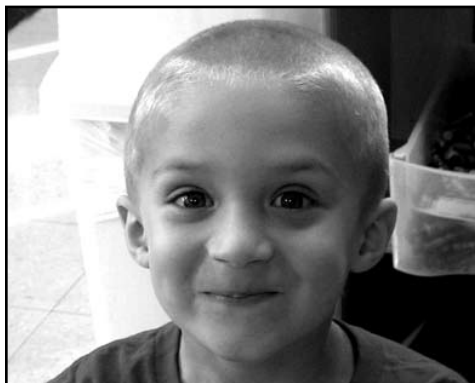
Dover Airforce Base. Caleb and his fellow servicemen and women sent the children a heartwarming thank you card!

EXPANDED INSURANCE OPTIONS

In an effort to be prepared to accept Connecticut's Insurance Exchange plans under the Affordable Care Act, a significant effort went toward enrolling Brooker dental providers in private insurance plans. The expanded insurance contracts will ensure patients can maintain their relationships with Brooker clinicians regardless of changes in their insurance.

READY, SET GO! EXPANSION

Ready Set Go! Kindergarten Readiness Camp expanded this year to create 48 slots at two Torrington Schools. Brooker partnered with the Torrington Board of Education, Education Connection and the Torrington Early Childhood Collaborative (TECC). The Torrington School site included 17 campers from Torrington and East School's fall enrollment. The Vogel-Wetmore site served 23 campers



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who will be attending Vogel, Forbes and Southwest Schools in the fall. Eight new teachers and assistants were hired by Brooker and five were provided by Education Connection in order to staff the program expansion. The program ran for four weeks, Mondays through Fridays from July 14 through August 8. Two parent education sessions were offered at each site, plus free screenings in dental, hearing and vision for the students. The Brooker Dental Puppet Show was well received by all!

20 YEARS / 120,000 VISITS

2014 marked the 20th anniversary of the Children's Dental Center. Katelyn W., age 13, of Torrington



was the 120,000 patient to visit the Dental Center for an appointment. Dr. Temkin, founder of the Dental Center, was on hand to celebrate the occasion. Katelyn and her siblings have been coming to Brooker for dental care all their lives. Their mother, Angela, expressed her appreciation for the excellent care her children have received over the years. She marveled at what a great experience dental care is for her children – not like when

she was a child and dental care was only sought after when there was a problem needing attention.

CHILD CARE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Early Learning Center's focus on education isn't solely limited to the education of young children. As part of its ongoing commitment to quality, Child Care Staff participate in over 20 hours of continuing education annually. Trainings are chosen to keep teachers informed of best practice and knowledgeable about new information in our field, to meet individual staff development needs, and state licensing requirements. This



year's topics included: Reactive Attachment Disorder, Social & Emotional Development: Friendship and Controlling Anger, Guiding and Modifying Block Play, Strengthening Families, Physical Activity for Young Children, Mandated Reporting, Supervision, Blood Borne Pathogens, and many more.

FAMILY COMMITTEES

Last year a group of motivated family and staff members created

Program Highlights

the Family Fundraising Committee for the purpose of raising monies to support enrichment activities for the Early Learning and Child Care Center. The group was successful in raising \$3,300.

This year a second group of family and staff members created the Family Enrichment Committee to determine what types of activities would be brought to the center. The group decided on yoga and music enrichment. The program began with yoga instructor Jody Cohen teaching "Little Flowers Yoga", and Kath Bloom Bronski providing weekly music classes. The response has been terrific!

single mothers in need of parenting education and a multitude of other supports, with the ultimate goal being to provide their infant/young child a stable environment and healthy home. The common denominator among all the programs is the provision of housing. Over the next several months, the group will continue to explore the cost factors involved, further develop a local model and best practices and meet with potential partners in the community to determine the feasibility of offering a housing and family support program of this kind.



HARD TO ENGAGE FAMILIES

Jan Lyon, Director of Outreach and Children's Services continued to organize a collaboration of community partners who are exploring how to reach families who under-utilize needed services in our local community and whose children have numerous risk factors. The group met several times and explored a number of program models from throughout the country. Each model provided valuable information to help the group develop a local model for

EDUCATION CONNECTION CENTER FOR PEDIATRIC THERAPIES

The Center for Pediatric Therapy at Brooker Memorial continues to grow. The program operates in the lower level of the temporary building shared with the Dental Center. With a current case load of 40 patients, Education Connection staff provided 681 hours of therapy time from July, 2013 to July 2014. During the year Kathleen Reeves, COTA and Michelle Steck, Speech and

Program Highlights

Language Pathologist joined the Center's other therapists to meet the increased demand for occupational and speech therapy. Referrals continue to come from Torrington, Winsted, Litchfield, Morris, Harwinton, and Cornwall. Positive feedback from parents includes: "The services at the clinic were the missing link to [my child's] therapy." "It's amazing what you are doing." "I've seen an improvement in just four sessions."

Education Connection plans to move into specially designed program space at Brooker when the building project is complete in 2015.

CHILD CARE SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Brooker's Early Learning and Child Care Center incorporates a variety of activities and experiences for the children. This year the children participated in several Literacy Activities with Patti Harris and Maggie the Service Dog, guest reader Barbara Fincken, and Debbie Elias with her llama from Country Quilt Llama Farms. Other activities included Grandparent's Day,



the annual Halloween Parade, Brooker's Oral Health Puppet Show, egg races, a Dr. Seuss celebration, marching in the Memorial Day Parade, a food drive to benefit FISH, and multiple cooking activities. The center held a book fair, and partnered with stylist Briana Engle to provide convenient, on-site haircuts for children in preparation for our annual Portrait Day.

One special experience came in the form of a brief, acoustic music performance by two members of the Screamin' Eagle Band. Lead singer Mike Turgeon was working on the construction site and was heard singing. After a conversation with staff, he and band-mate Tim Britt offered to come by and play a couple of songs for the children. Kids and adults alike enjoyed the show!

GRADUATION DAY

Ten students from Brooker's pre-school program are entering Kindergarten this year. This milestone was celebrated at the annual Graduation Ceremony for students and their families

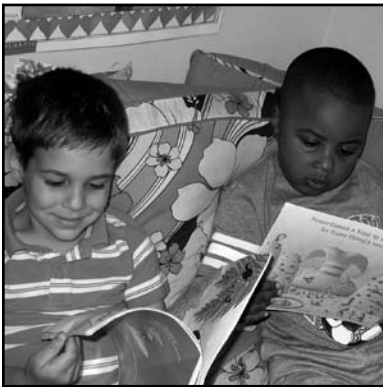


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on June 27th, 2014. Brooker Memorial's teachers have worked hard to prepare the children with the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed in school. Best wishes to all the graduates!

SCHOOL DENTAL CARE

For the seventh year, The Foundation for Community Health supported Brooker's Preventive Oral Health program in Region One schools. Brooker also continued to provide preventive oral health care in Torrington Elementary schools and at Torrington Middle School.



Through these programs, more than 850 students received exams, cleanings, fluoride and sealants as needed.

AUTHOR A MONTH

The preschool classrooms used a child-initiated curriculum approach this year with an "Author a Month" theme. The children selected some of their favorite books and teachers developed curriculum and activities around those and other books by the same authors. This approach capitalizes on

the fact that children learn best when they are interested in and excited about the topic.

7TH ANNUAL PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT

In May 2014, Hygienist Leigh-Lynn Vitukinas, joined other community volunteers and professionals to provide outreach services to individuals and families in our community who are facing homelessness. Leigh worked in the "Kid's Corner," providing free oral screenings to children and nutrition and dental education to parents. Free toothbrushes were given to all who stopped by.



BROOKER STAFF IN THE COMMUNITY

In November, staff and board members worked with The Torrington Trails Network and many other volunteers to clear the John Brown Trail. The workday was held in memory of Judy Bekasi, Brooker staff member and president of the Trails Network. Judy passed away unexpectedly in October, 2013 and the trail clearing was a way to celebrate her life and her enthusiasm for doing good work in the community.

Staff & Volunteers

Staff and volunteers are the foundation of all the work Brooker does to serve the community. Their dedication, commitment, talent and time is greatly appreciated. Brooker is fortunate to have a terrific group of people on staff who work together well and really care about the work they do. Brooker also has a team of very dedicated and helpful volunteers who work with patients and staff to add a great deal to Brooker programs and services. Brooker salutes and thanks all its staff and volunteers!

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Judith Bekasi*+
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Anne Yanaway, P.T.

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

Staff & Volunteers

Child Care Staff and Families generously volunteered their time to assist with various projects and events including: Graduation, Food Drives, making pickles, sewing curtains, gardening, United Way fundraisers, Halloween Parade, Memorial Day Parade float and t-shirts, Scholastic Book Fairs, and children's portrait sessions. Other volunteers helped with greeting and registration for the weekly blood pressure program, clerical projects in the Dental Center and Administration Department, Maintenance and Repairs, and some individuals provided support while completing internships, community service and field-work observations.

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THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL REPORT IS DEDICATED TO JUDITH A. BEKASI

In October 2013, Brooker lost a dedicated member of its team. Administrative Assistant Judith A Bekasi was a bright and hard-working employee who passed away unexpectedly. She also was a diligent and committed community volunteer. Judy supported many causes with her time and talent. She was an inspiration to many and a friend to all. Judy's spirit and enthusiasm was contagious. She was a valued member of the Brooker team for nearly ten years and is greatly missed.

RUTH CHADWICK TREE of ANGELS

The Tree of Angels in memory of Ruth Chadwick received donations of toys and clothing for 31 families in December 2013, and an additional \$640 in cash and gift cards. Our thanks to the following people for making this another successful year.

Susanne and Rick Achee
Edwin "Chip" Booth, Jr.
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James Rokos
Pat Soudier
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Leigh-Lynn Vitukinas

Community Support (2013-2014)

Brooker Memorial Brooker is a non-profit organization that operates with funding from child care and dental fees paid, 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, Dental Programs, Child Care Center and General Purposes of the organization and were received between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014.

CASH DONATIONS

Basti Family
Fecto Family
Labalme Family
Jerry and Joan Libby
Nichols Family
Barbara Sepples
Schwartz Family
Summerlin Family
Kathleen VanOrmer

GIFTS WERE RECEIVED IN MEMORY OF

Judith A. Bekasi
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TRUST FUNDS

Charles F. Brooker Fund
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COMMUNITY PARTNERS 2013-2014

Brooker works with many community and state agencies to improve the overall health and well-being of the people we serve. The following are the organizations Brooker worked most closely with this past year:

Birth to Three
The Center for Youth and
Families
Charlotte Hungerford
Hospital
Child First
Community Foundation
of NW CT
Community Health and
Wellness Dental Center

CT Department of
Children and Families
CT Department of
Developmental Services/
Transitional Employment
Unlimited
CT Health Foundation
Education Connection
Family Strides
Fit Together
Foundation for
Community Health
Greenwoods Counseling
Referrals
Head Start and
Early Head Start
Local Interagency
Collaborating Council
NW CT Community
College
NW Oral Health
Collaborative
Oliver Wolcott
Technical School
Parents as Teachers
Region 1 Schools
St. Maron's Church
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of Education
Torrington Chapter
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Torrington Community
Council
Torrington Early
Childhood Collaborative
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and Middle Schools
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BROOKER CARE CLOSET

Many families Brooker serves must make choices between buying groceries, paying the utility bills and buying needed clothes, shoes, car seats or safety gates for their children. To respond to this need, Brooker introduced the "Care Closet" in 2008. Items such as new clothing, gift cards for food and department stores can be donated to the Care Closet for distribution as needs arise. Making a cash donation is another way to help a needy family.

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Early Learning and Child Care Center for Infants,
Toddlers, Pre-schoolers and Kindergarteners Before
and After School



Child Care Program Enrichments in Gardening,
Community Service, Music and Yoga



Children's Dental Center established in 1994 through
the Generosity and Expertise of the Temkin Family:
Preventative and Restorative Care for ages 1-20



Dental Care and Oral Hygiene Education for Pregnant
Women



Community-based Education about Dental, Nutrition
and Exercise



Preventive Dental Care in Region One and Torrington
Schools



Founding Member of the Litchfield County Oral
Health Collaborative



Kindergarten Readiness through *Ready, Set, Go!*
Summer Program



Family Supports: Assessment, Resource Referral
and Short-term Counseling



Behavioral Health Assessments and Referrals
through Greenwoods Counseling Referrals



Weekly Blood Pressure Screening by Charlotte
Hungerford Hospital



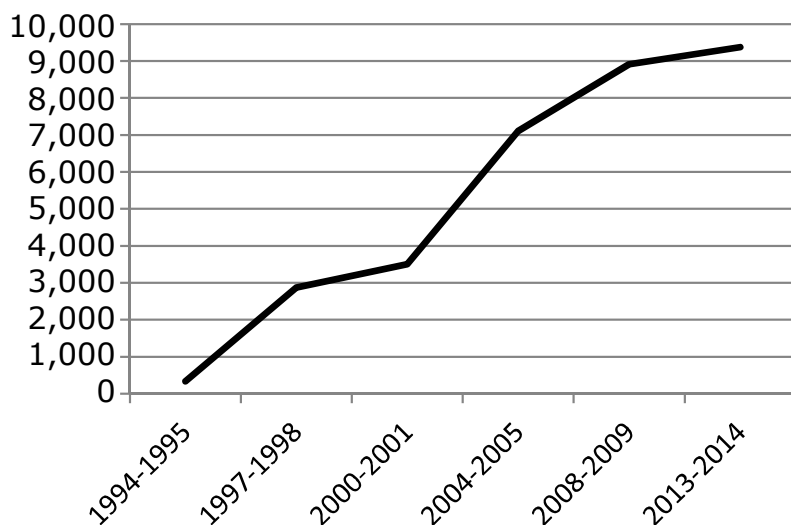
Developmental Therapies in OT, PT and Speech by
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Dental Care Statistics

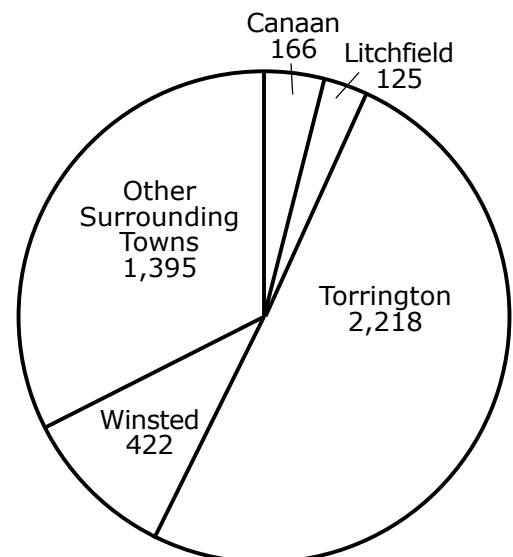
The Dental Center, founded in 1994 in memory of Dr. Abraham Temkin, celebrated its 20th anniversary in 2014. The Center is proud of its many years of ensuring all children in Litchfield county have access to quality oral health care.

	2013-2014	2012-2013
Total Unduplicated Patients Seen at the Dental Center & at Schools	4,234	4,290
Number Who Were New to the Practice	663	507
Total Number Who Were Seen in the Schools	880	932
Total Patient Visits at the Dental Center and at Schools	9,369	9,884
Total Dentist Visits	3,061	3,831
Total Hygienist Visits at the Dental Center and at Schools	6,308	6,053
Hygienist Visits That Were Conducted in Schools	1,065	1,128
Percent of Patients Seen by a Hygienist Who Had No Decay	74.3%	74.3%
Average Unfilled Appointment % (due to cancellations, no-shows and unfilled appointments)	18.80%	18.45%
Uncompensated Care (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.)	\$138,417	\$127,412
Number of Uninsured Patients	1,050 (25%)	983 (23%)
Number of Patients Insured by Husky	2,810 (66%)	3,307 (77%)
Number of Patients with Private Insurance	395 (9%)	0

PATIENT VISITS



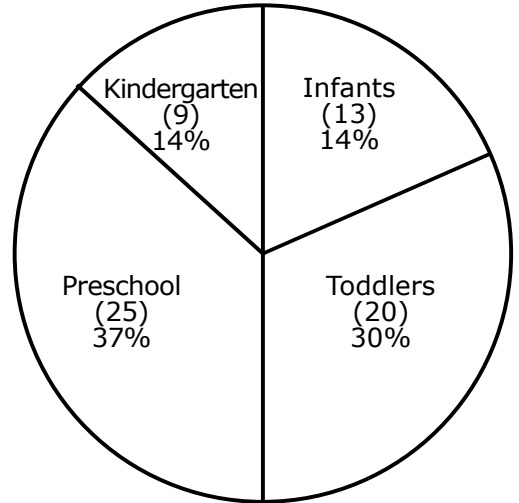
WHERE OUR DENTAL PATIENTS LIVE



Child Care Statistics

The Early Learning and Child Care Center is licensed for a total of 54 full-time children. With rolling enrollment and full and part time attendance, the center served 66 different children last year, aged 6 weeks through Kindergarten. Families came from Bantam, East Windsor, Goshen, Harwinton, Kent, Litchfield, New Hartford, Norfolk, Torrington, Waterbury, and Winsted. Brooker strives to serve an economically diverse group of families. To make tuition more affordable for low income families, the center accepts state subsidy payments and Brooker has a scholarship fund to help with tuition. Last year, 34 enrolled children received state assistance and ten families received scholarship funds. Enrolled families also received tuition support from the Torrington Board of Education, and the CT Department of Children and Families. Twenty four families paid tuition without any assistance.

CHILD CARE AGE GROUPS SERVED



Financials

BROOKER MEMORIAL FINANCIALS				
(unaudited)				
	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012	2010-2011
Income from Activities	\$1,404,089	\$1,613,342	\$1,565,800	\$1,590,721
Cash Donations	27,161	28,123	28,201	29,436
Investment Income	525,079	517,027	508,453	449,106
Total Operating Revenue	\$1,956,329	\$2,158,492	\$2,102,454	\$2,069,263
Less Operating Expenses	\$1,848,774	\$1,910,441	1,627,644	1,727,329
Gain (Loss)	107,555	248,051	474,810	341,934
Plus Realized Capital Gains	865,795	872,063*	188,935	638,007*
Total Increase	\$973,350	\$1,120,114	\$663,745	\$979,941

*gains reinvested

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From Brooker Parents, Children & Staff

I Brooker Because...

“It is a place where kids can be kids....I can paint with all my fingers and all my toes....It is obvious the staff truly enjoy working with the children....They give us a lot of good tips on how to take care of our teeth and show us how to brush our teeth....They show warmth, caring, a sense of humor and even downright silliness in their work with the kids....When we first came to Brooker, we were a struggling family. Today we are not that struggling family anymore. With the help of all the staff, and embracing us as a family, we were made to feel like family.

We couldn't have gotten to this place without you all....They treat my child with love as if he was their own....Getting a [dental] appointment is very easy and they work with you all the time....They help me clean my teeth and check if I have not flossed....They care about the kids...They do care about the kids' teeth and how we are helping them take care of their teeth....Brooker Memorial has acted not only as a family for my daughter but also as a support network for me....I cherish every moment I spend with each and every one of the Brooker staff and our relationship with my family....They are very good with my kids and they are very gentle....Brooker Memorial and the staff are amazing, caring, loving, trustworthy people....

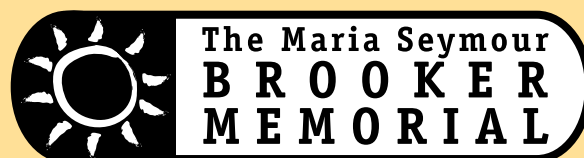
The staff are what makes the center a great place to send your child....
They are always able to fit you in for emergencies.”

I Would Use These Words To Describe Brooker Memorial:

“Quality! Quality! Quality!....Fun, clean, safe, comfortable....Just like Home.... Family....Friendly and welcoming....Bright and happy....Like a second family.... Compassionate, understanding, good listeners and loving....Supportive, efficient, caring, professional, family oriented and loving....Dedicated, warm, capable and fun....Embracing, kind, over the top, remarkable and understanding....Takes the time to listen....Loving,caring,very cheerful....Very good with children, thoughtful, kind....Helpful and giving....Funny, polite, kind, caring, knowledgeable, understanding, always smiling.”

Maria Seymour Brooker Memorial Mission Statement

To prepare children for life-long success through education, health services, family support and programs of excellence.



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