



ANNUAL REPORT 2022



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As I reflect on the past few years of the Care Center, I am proud of the work our staff, teachers, board, and volunteers have done to keep our doors open. Covid presented many challenges but the most significant one was the isolation and fear that prevents individuals from asking for help. As a non-profit our goal is connection and understanding with our community and facilitation to this community our rich county resources. Working with the Chester County Intermediate Unit the schools were only closed for 3 months - shut down only once for 2 weeks and have continued to serve our families with extended child care and early childhood education - in other words - the kids were cared for! Although we are coming out of this era, families face rising costs of goods and food and find their working dollars tighter and fewer.

Another proud moment is our 40th year of operation! Our Ruby Red Jubilee gala in the fall of 2022 raised funds to continue our support of enrichment programs for the children in music, arts, science, and physical activity. The mission continues to adapt to the needs of our community. When doors were open 40 years ago the programs focused on getting children off the streets and away from the influence of drugs, alcohol, and violence. Although we continue to maintain the importance of those influences on children's lives, we realized we needed to start earlier than adolescents to make a bigger impact. Imprinting of trauma occurs quite early with triggers and behaviors. Our programs focus on safety, nourishment, and calmness in the classroom to create resiliency and positive choices. Our children graduate prepared and ready for school learning in our public schools.

What does the future hold for the CCF? This year we are rebuilding, rebranding, and revitalizing the mission of the Care Center Foundation. Adaptation and change have always been at the forefront of our outreach - uplifting marginalized populations, assisting with challenges, modeling positive choices, and continuing to provide the basics of survival in our county - food, clothing, transportation, and opportunity. I appeal to you to consider how you can assist us to achieve our goals with our

families - financially support our operations, volunteer to support our programs, and donate to our children's enrichment programs. I look forward to working with you in any capacity. This mission is near to my heart and I want to share that feeling with you!



**WENDY J WALLACE, DO
CCF BOARD PRESIDENT/
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

MISSION:

THE MISSION OF THE CARE CENTER FOUNDATION IS TO PROMOTE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS BY PROVIDING A MINISTRY OF PRESENCE AND SPIRITUAL SUPPORT IN THE WEST CHESTER PA COMMUNITY THAT IT SERVES. THE CENTER EMPOWERS THOSE WHO GIVE AND THOSE WHO RECEIVE THROUGH CREATIVE EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL, AND SOCIAL SERVICE ACTIVITIES.

IN THE COMMUNITY, WITH THE COMMUNITY, AND FOR THE COMMUNITY

WE ARE CONVENIENTLY LOCATED IN THE TOWN OF WEST CHESTER WHICH ALLOWS US TO EASILY WORK WITH THE COMMUNITY AT A SHORT DISTANCE.

WE STRIVE TO BE A VEHICLE FOR THE FAMILIES AT OUR CENTER BY OFFERING SOCIAL UPLIFT OPPORTUNITIES AND PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO EMPOWER CHILDREN.

AT CCF WE BELIEVE THAT COMMUNICATING DIRECTLY WITH THE FAMILIES IS TREMENDOUSLY IMPORTANT IN UNDERSTANDING THEIR PROBLEMS AND HOW WE CAN HELP.

- WE PROVIDE HOPE THAT THERE IS A BETTER FUTURE FOR INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COMMUNITY
- OUR SERVICES ARE OFFERED DIRECTLY BY CCF AND BY PARTNERING WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE ACTS OF GENEROSITY
- WE PROVIDE SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES TO ALLOW THEM TO EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF CHILDHOOD AND THE LOVE OF FAMILY
- CCF INCLUDES ALL FAMILIES REGARDLESS OF RACE, COLOR, OR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.

PROGRAMS AT CCF

The Care Center is a constantly moving entity that never rests. Never does a day go by where we are not doing something for our families.

Turkey meal distribution – many thanks to the churches who deliver 120 turkeys and boxes filled with sides a week before Thanksgiving for our families and community – 2160 individual meals served

Ham/chicken distribution – congregation, and youth group from St Marks Lutheran Church delivered 6 hams and chickens with boxes of sides a week before Easter – 1080 individual meals served

West Chester Co-op grocery bags – many thanks to our neighbor on Market St. that delivered grocery bags for our families on a monthly basis. Fresh organic produce and goods from local Chester County farms! – 800 individual meals served

Birthday program – celebrating a child's birth is one day a year to uplift a precious soul and say thank you for being you – but a "party" can get expensive – our birthday program supplies everything you need to celebrate and a gift too! 40 birthday bags distributed

Holiday program – celebrating the holidays can be stressful on a fixed income. Working with local organizations the CCF provides gifts for all the children in the families that attend our schools. NOT just the child in the schools BUT their siblings too. Can you imagine if we didn't do all the kids? This family support helps the parents prioritize paying bills and providing meals, car repairs, and gas. 136 children received gifts.



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Enrichment events - Delaware Museum of Natural History visited the CCF to talk about zoo animals, the teachers selected to build an animal (similar to Build a Bear) for each child to create and take home as an art project, 40 kids and 10 adults enjoyed the sounds of Makin Music in John Green park, Elmwood Park Zoo visited the care center and brought a snake, turtle, and hedgehog - 152 children served

Winter coat program - in partnership with the West Chester Police every child at the care center received a winter coat - so many coats were donated we were able to supply coats for children at Gordon Early Literacy Center in Coatesville too - over 40 coats distributed

Summer Camp support - during the summer the structure of the classroom relaxes and more time is available for crafts and outdoor activities. The CCF provides backpacks and water bottles for the children. Craft supplies, teacher assistance, and snacks are also provided - 20 children were given items

Miscellaneous outreach- in partnership with the community we receive donations of clothing, supplies, diapers, and gift cards to grocery stores to distribute equally to our families - 136 items distributed





THANK YOU, DONORS!

Grants -

Hoxie Harrison Smith

FANN Foundation

West Chester Downtown Foundation

Johnson and Johnson Cybergrant

Individuals & Groups -

Wendy J Wallace, DO

MaryAngela and Bob Williams

Gary Varney

Carolyn Ambler

WC Running Club

Elizabeth McGettigan

Calvary Lutheran Church

S and J Painting

Betty Ann Garnett

United Women in FAITH

Courtney Demas

Facebook fundraising

Scrubs with a purpose

NV Homes

St Francis in the Field Episcopal Church

Pine Street Carpenters

West Chester Co-op

Schuster Family

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

WCU students – reading program

Kathy Coffey

Donna and Craig Jordan

Wanda and Andy Serdich

Courtney Demas

MaryAngela Williams

Katrice Wilson

Jonathan High

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St Marks Lutheran Church

St Elizabeth Catholic Church

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