



Annual report

2023-2024

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

The past year at the Care Center Foundation has been one of CHANGE and TRANSITION. After 10 years of supporting the Chester County Intermediate Unit in operating the schools at our location, they relocated to a larger building to accommodate more children. Although we were disappointed by the decision the CCF decided to continue the presence of a school at our location and open a trauma-sensitive, federally supported daycare and preschool for the end of the 2024 year.

CHANGE brings opportunities and with an empty building - a time to brighten up a building that had 34 kids running its halls for 10 years straight! At the end of the last fiscal year, our motto was REBRAND, REJUVENATE and REBUILD. Much of the past year was exactly that - check out our rebrand logo and website at www.thecarecenterfoundation.org to see the beauty of the location and mission with the children. Staff at the CCF will have shirts with our new logo to wear when caring and teaching the children. Our building was REJUVENATED with brand new flooring, a fresh coat of paint on all the walls in trauma-informed colors, and new appliances. The WC Knights of Columbus donated over 400 hours of painting with donated paint from Sherwin Williams on Market Street. Visitors to the building comment how relaxed and calm they feel at our location. Volunteers cleaned all the tables, chairs, toys, changing tables, and cribs as well as organized the books, games, and teaching centers.

The plan to rebuild required hiring of staff for the daycare and preschool including the hiring of a director, lead teachers for the infant and toddler room, and daycare assistants. Our focus was on building a resilient team of caring individuals who would model a love for their work and give their best for the families and their children.

CHANGE and TRANSITIONS are never easy for anyone - I have to remind myself how far we have come to reach our families this past year. Without the support of the community, our generous donors, and grants, we would not be at this point. The vision of a trauma-informed daycare that is sensitive to the transitions, changes, and challenges our families face is core to the mission of the CCF.

As I reflect on the past few years at the CCF, I am proud of the work our staff, teachers, board, and volunteers have done to keep our doors open. As a non-profit, our goal is to connect with and understand our community and facilitate the benefits of our rich county resources. Although many have recovered from the COVID era, families continue to face rising costs of goods and food and find their working dollars tighter and fewer. Our daycare supplies breakfast, lunch, and snacks AND diapers for our children, lessening the financial burden of raising a child in Chester County.

The imprinting of trauma, lack of shelter, and food scarcity occur 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.

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 in achieving 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!

THANK 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 KEEP FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY MOBILE BY PROVIDING SUBSIDIZED DAYCARE SERVICES AND ADDITIONAL SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES WHEN THEY NEED IT MOST.

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 CHILDCARE, EDUCATIONAL, AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN 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.



**Daycare and
Preschool Programs
support up to
34 children**

**POSITIVE
PARENTING
THE SIX PILLARS
OF MENTAL HEALTH**



**BIRTHDAY
PROGRAM**



**ENRICHMENT
EVENTS &
ACTIVITIES**

**FALL TURKEY
DISTRIBUTION**



**WINTER
COATS**

**HOLIDAY
PROGRAMS
AND
SUPPORT**

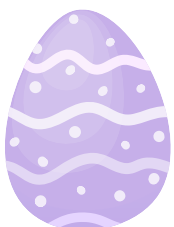


GIFT CARDS

**NURTRITION AND
FOOD SUPPORT**



**SPRING
HOLIDAY
DISTRIBUTION**





THANK YOU, DONORS!

INDIVIDUALS & GROUPS --

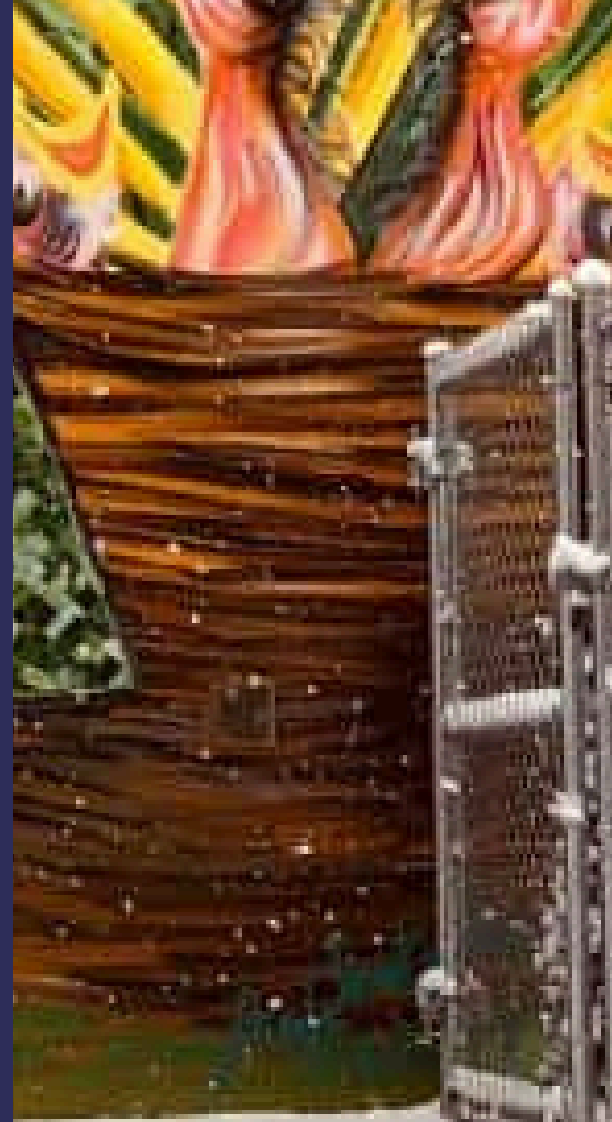
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