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Take a Tour, Donate, Volunteer—Make a Difference!

DON'T MISS OUR FUNDRAISER!

Passport To Riverside & Avondale
Saturday, Nov. 5th from 12-6pm

WALK, SHOP & EAT!

- Purchase your ticket online at www.dlcnl.org for \$25 or on the day of the event for \$30
- Pick up your Ticket/Passport and tote bag at Riverside Park UMC on Nov. 5th between 11:30 and 1pm
- Take the shuttle to participating shops in Riverside, Avondale and 5 Points to collect free Samples of Food, Drinks and Gifts. Just show your Passport when you walk in!
- Enjoy your day shopping, eating and adventuring around the Historic District with your friends and family, all while helping DLC Nurse & Learn, a childcare facility for children with special needs. **For more information call Caleigh @ 904-387-0370**



DLC NURSE & LEARN

OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

DLC Annual Report 15-16



DLC Nurse & Learn and DLC Therapy & Care are thrilled to report another very successful financial year. DLC continues to fulfill their mission to provide year-round high quality education, nursing care, and therapies to children of all abilities so that children and families have the opportunity to reach their maximum potential. **DLC has served over 3,500 children and has given away over 3.5 Million dollars in services to their families in need since 1989.**

DLC effectively maintains a low adult-to-child ratio, generally 1 adult to 3-4 children, including with our afterschool students. DLC has remained an inclusion program since 2003, so children can learn and play with one another, regardless of their disability. Typically developing students benefit from the low ratios as well and learn compassion for students with challenges. Our children who may be a little behind developmentally learn to play and grow with their peers as well, while all children get the care and attention they need to help them become independent adults.

DLC is continually recognized as a pillar in the Jacksonville Community for our work providing family support, access to therapy services, free counseling and resources to help strengthen the financial stability of the families they serve. DLC has been rated a "5 star center" from the Guiding Stars of Duval since 2011, and has received various awards due to the success of the program and the dedication from Teachers, Teacher Assistants, Nurses, Therapists, Volunteers and their Founder and CEO, Amy Buggle.

Attendance & Goals:

- DLC had a total of 104 children on roll between both centers with 77 students having special needs.
- DLC had a total of 54 after school students and 50 preschool students.
- 99% of students also received 1 hour of approved therapy per month, which exceeded their goal of 90%.
- DLC hoped that 85% of the students would accomplish at least one goal by the end of the year. **The goal was surpassed with 95% of students accomplishing at least one goal.**
- Of the 209 goals worked on with students, 88% were reached, which came out to 184 goals accomplished.
- Using the Ages & Stages developmental scale 79% of their students, infants to 6 years have reached age level development.
- DLC awarded 26 scholarships this year, and 99% of parents are either working 20+ hours a week, or attending school/college.

Awards:

DLC has received The "Gifts of Service" award from the Child Development Education Alliance in 2011 and 2014, has remained a "5 Star Rated Center" since 2011. DLC also received the Sapphire Award from the Blue Foundation, is a former IMPACT grantee and was a runner up in the category of Education during *One Spark* in 2015 for the effective implementation of the Shared Therapy Program.

In 2012, DLC's Executive Director, Amy Buggle received the *Sherwood Smith Award* for her 25+ years of service benefiting the children of Jacksonville, was a finalist for the

**Tickets ON SALE for
Passport to Riverside &
Avondale!**

Join DLC on Saturday, Nov. 5th for our **Second Annual Passport to Riverside & Avondale event!** Purchase your ticket for \$25 at www.dlcnl.org or buy your ticket at our tent out front Riverside Park UMC on 11/5 for \$30.

Your ticket gets you free access to a shuttle from 12 - 6pm, lots of FREE goodies from 16+ participating shops and a free tote bag to collect your goodies! All ages welcome!

Holidays

CLOSED for VPK * 10/21

**CLOSED * 11/11
Veterans Day**

**CLOSED * 11/23—11/25
Thanksgiving Break**

**CLOSED * 12/26—12/31
Christmas Break**

**CLOSED * 1/1 -1/6
New Years Break**

Special Events

NL Open House : *Postponed*

TC Open House : 10/13

Fall Carnival: 10/28 @ 10am

**PASSPORT TO RIVERSIDE &
AVONDALE: 11/5 from 12—
6pm , tickets on sale at
www.dlcnl.org**

Thanksgiving Feast: 11/21

TC Christmas Party: 12/20

NL Christmas Party: 12/21

Birthdays

Mary Parker — 11/1

Carol Reaves — 11/2

Laura Scott — 12/7

Elizabeth Goodrich —12/22

Anniversaries

Eric Conger 9 Years

Jessica Brown 1 Year

Ashley Dallis 11 Years

Mary Parker 6 Years

Awards, continued:

EVE AWARD in the area of education and was also a finalist for the *Mayors Commission on the Status of Women Award* for the difference DLC has made in Jacksonville. Amy has recently received the *American Graduate Award* for committing her time, skills and resources to helping young people succeed and get on track for graduation.

The DLC "Teacher of the Year" was awarded to **Laura Scott** for her outstanding work and can-do attitude as a Teacher/Nursing Assistant for DLC. Laura works tirelessly and is an extremely dedicated employee. She celebrated her 5 year Anniversary at DLC in September 2016 and is the lead Teacher in the Noah's Ark, Pre-k Room. *Thank you for all you do Mrs. Laura!*

Scholarships:



A total of \$59,806 was given for tuition scholarships, and \$46,239 was spent on therapy scholarships. **A grand total of \$106,045 was used for scholarships at both centers.** Our goal for 80% of parents with a child on a tuition scholarship to be working or attending school was also met. DLC awarded 26 scholarships this year, **and 99% of parents are either working 20+ hours a week, or attending school/college.**

DLC has also started a new Mental Health Program, "DLC Healthy Families" which offers free counseling once a month to their families at no cost, due to a grant from Baptist Health. The program was a huge success this year, providing counseling to 49 parents and caregivers, and touched a total of 130 people. A survey was sent to all participants. Of those returned, 100% agreed that the counseling was beneficial and 89% agreed or strongly agreed it improved their mental health. Of those that asked for help with parenting concerns, 80% said they gained more parenting skills and confidence. Eight out of nine said their stress level has decreased and, 89% strongly agreed they would use the services again if they were made available.

Fundraising Efforts:

- **DLC operates on very limited funding with an annual budget 853,742.83 and expenses totaled 798,711.96.**
- DLC now partners with Baptist Health, Early Learning Coalition for School Readiness vouchers and United Way's Success by Six programs for funding our preschool and nursing services. We are also supported by area United Methodist and Presbyterian churches, civic groups like the Jacksonville Mustang Club, Southside Chamber of Commerce, Deerwood Rotary and the City Police Credit Union that all do annual fundraising events to benefit our program.
- We received a \$45,000 grant from The Chartrand Family Fund at the Community Foundation for Northeast Florida in September 2014 to start our "Shared Therapy program" at DLC Nurse & Learn. This gave DLC therapists an extra 6 hours a week in the classroom to share therapy tips with teachers and parents, to strengthen communications about therapy needs.
- DLC continued the Shared Therapy Program through a grant from the Children's Lighthouse Fund in 2015, and are confident they will continue to find sources of funding to keep this program running.
- DLC once again partnered with The Jacksonville Police Credit Union this year to host the 17th Annual DLC Nurse & Learn Golf Tournament. The golf tournament took place at the Golf Club at South Hampton on March 13, 2016 and was a huge success with over 95 golfers, raising nearly \$21,000.
- Our new fundraising event, *Passport to Riverside and Avondale*, was a big success last November. The event involved 20 shops and restaurants in 5 Points, Park and King and Avondale. Tickets were sold for \$25 and participants rode the trolley to different shopping areas and stop in at participating stores for free samples and gifts. DLC received raving reviews from those that joined last year, and hope Passport will become a major fundraiser for DLC each November.

THANK YOU TO OUR 2016 PASSPORT SPONSORS !

**TROY SPURLIN
INTERIORS : \$2,500**

**OMNITRUST FINANCIAL:
\$ 1,000**

**CITY & POLICE FEDERAL
CREDIT UNION: \$500**

BRUNET GARCIA: \$500

**WESLEY FELLOWSHIP UMC:
\$500**

SUPPORTING BUSINESSES:

MOON RIVER: \$250

**LIZ BOBECK REALTOR BERK-
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SERVICES FRN: \$250**

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Learn" and start shopping!**

American Graduate Award

**We are honored for our
CEO, Amy Buggle to win
the American Graduate
Award through WJCT last
month. It was an honor to
be part of such a
spectacular evening with
some very influential
people in the community,
including our long time
supporter from Baptist
Health, Lynn Sherman !**



It's once again the time of year when the gift of giving comes into the minds of many caring individuals like yourself, looking to donate to a worthy cause. Please consider DLC Nurse & Learn when you are selecting charities to contribute to this year. **DLC has provided over \$3,500,000 dollars in free services to our children with special needs since 1989, and this couldn't have been done without the help from our community and generous donors like yourself. THANK YOU!**

The DLC program is unique **in helping to strengthen the entire family** by giving parents and caregivers the ability to go back to work or continue on with school while we care for their children. Many families can only afford to pay the minimum fee for their child's education. DLC helps cover the rest of the cost so that caregivers can have an opportunity to get back into the workforce to be a better provider for their household. **We are the only school in Northeast Florida with this type of service.** We are running this program through the Murray Hill UMC and Lakeshore Presbyterian Church by showing God's love in a practical way to our families.

There are so many ways to help DLC and make a difference in the lives of our beautiful children. The first step is calling our office to find out how you can help. Every donation counts, large or small! Call us today to find out more, 904-387-0370. **Checks or money can be sent to our location: 4101-1 College Street, Jacksonville FL 32205**

DLC MIRACLE CORNER!



In our Fall Newsletter we want to highlight a very special student at DLC, Sadie. Sadie is 2 Years old and is currently in the Angel Room. When Sadie first started at DLC she was not walking on her own yet, but things have changed a lot since then! With hand over hand help while standing, Sadie can now let go and walk on her own! In addition, she can stand up out of her chair and walk with no assistance. Our therapists have worked really hard with her, and she loves when she gets to spend time with them. In class she loves to clap with her friends to songs during circle time, and she also enjoys playing with musical instruments. **We are SO PROUD of how far Sadie has come!**

A Special "Thank You" to our

Major Donors

Jacksonville Children's Commission - \$304, 588

Baptist Health - \$80,200

Lucy Gooding Foundation - \$42,500

**United Way of Northeast Florida Funding & Success By
6 - \$35,117.03**

Thomas Petway III - \$21,950

Children's Lighthouse Fund - \$20,000

Crossroad UMC - \$13,675

**Jay and Deanie Stein Foundation Trust at the Commu-
nity Foundation for Northeast Florida - \$10,000**

**The Chartrand Family Fund at the Community Founda-
tion for NE FL - 10,000**

Deerwood Rotary - \$10,000

Chatlos Foundation - \$10,000

United Way for Northeast Florida (donations) - \$7,128

Jacksonville Mustang Club - \$7,000

Publix Supermarket Charities - \$5,000

Mandarin UMC - \$4,746

Lake Shore UMC - \$3,838

Jack and Betty Demetree Family Fund - \$3,000

Murray Hill UMC - \$1,351

GE/Rob Meyer - \$1,231

Auditmacs - \$1,000

Fraternal order of Police - \$1,000

Keith and Mark Reichmann - \$1,000

Marchand Faries Financial Management - \$1,000

Wesley Fellowship - \$910

Christ UMC - \$800

City & Police Federal Credit Union - \$720

Randi Hamner - \$720

Judy Goodman - \$600

Heidi Cooke - \$590

Thomas Rahaim - \$500

Albert Ferraro, City Council - \$500

Faith UMW - \$500

Linda Ferrigno - \$500

Mental Health America of Northeast Florida - \$500

Enterprise Leasing Company of Florida - \$500