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**Mark your Calendar: Passport to Riverside & Avondale
Saturday, November 3rd 2018**



Passport will be taking place on the first Saturday of November again this year! DLC is currently seeking Passport Sponsors. We have different options available to fit ANY business budget.



This is our 4th year running Passport and each year we gain an incredible amount of support from the community. It's a great way to get your business in front of new customers, while also helping out a great cause! We have different Sponsorship options to choose from and each one offers you an opportunity to showcase your business to our ticketholders, participating restaurants & businesses, volunteers, etc.



Do you know someone who may be interested? Send them our way! Give us a call at 904-387-0370 and ask for Caleigh Quast.

19th Annual DLC Golf Fundraiser

The DLC Annual Charity Golf Tournament took place at the St. John's Country Club on Wednesday, March 14th. We raised nearly \$13,000 during our tournament and we are very thankful for everyone who golfed, volunteered and participated. It was another successful fundraiser for our students and we are honored to have the Jacksonville City & Police Federal Credit Union as a partner again this year. We also wanted to thank "What's Smokin'" food truck for coming out and sponsoring a delicious breakfast!

Thank you to the following Sponsors:

City & Police Federal Credit Union, Enterprise Leasing Company, Stanley Steamer, The Local Artist, Travis Cummings Campaign, Cain & Bultman, Inc, Benton Integrity Roofing Systems, Auld & White, Raymond James, Wesley UMW, Logue Family, Fraternal Order of Police and iVenture.

Volunteer Opportunities

**DLC Nurse and Learn
Volunteer Calendar 2018**



- **May 31st** DLC Graduation @ 6:30pm
(Volunteers arrive by 5:00pm)
- **June - August** We need volunteers in classrooms all summer long. Check out our Facebook for more info on upcoming events!
- **October 26th** Fall Carnival @ 10am
(Please arrive to volunteer by 9am)
- **Nov. 3rd** Passport to Riverside Avondale @ 12pm
(Volunteers arrive by 10am)

DLC Employment Opportunities!

DLC is currently looking for extra help! If you have a passion for working with children, please give us a call! We need extra Teacher Assistants.

Call us at 904-387-0370



Special thanks to Florida Blue for Donating 60 Easter Baskets!

April is Autism Awareness Month



Autism Awareness Day is marked on April 2, and on this day thousands of iconic landmarks and buildings around the world, including the White House, joined the campaign by lighting up in blue. DLC serves children with autism and is proud to support Autism Awareness!

Summer Camp Donations

Unfortunately, during the summer months our costs go up, and our funding is extremely limited. A majority of the grants we receive are only offered during the school year, not the summer. Since school is out, many of our students attend full time instead part-time. Extra staff and supplies are needed for our children to receive the best quality care. Please consider giving within your means for our summer camp program at DLC.

Superstar Student Corner: Kaidyn!



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2018

What a blessing it is to be a witness to the miracles that happen at DLC. Kaidyn is an example of one of these miracles. She is a happy 6 year old that came to DLC at 11 months of age. She had some issues that delayed her development and she was not sitting up or meeting any of her milestones despite a loving and caring mother who wanted the best for her. She began being treated by our PT, OT, and ST to help her reach her potential. When she first arrived she had many fussy days. As she began to make progress through feeding therapy and therapies that focused on her achieving sitting balance, crawling, and ability to use her hands her frustration decreased and a much happier child emerged. She began attending Mt. Herman when she turned 3 and continues to be in our before and after school program. Through her determination and continued therapies she is now walking around holding someone's hand and will walk independently from person to person. It is a joy to see the progress she has made and we are so proud of you Kaidyn!

A Letter from our new DLC Program Director, Mrs. Annalaura Scott:

Hello, my name is Annalaura Scott. I have been privileged to be part of the DLC team for almost 7 years now and I look forward to many more. I am so thankful for all of the people I have met and learned from over the years. I am extremely grateful for two people in particular. Amy Buggle and Mayra Correa have given me ample amounts of wisdom over the years. They both encouraged and molded me and I am grateful that they were able to see my drive and love for DLC and the children we serve. I first heard about DLC when I was a youth at Murray Hill United Methodist Church and started volunteering. Once I graduated high school I felt that I was meant to be an elementary school teacher because of the love I had for children. But God had a different plan for me. In 2011 I enrolled at Florida State Collage of Jacksonville and started working for DLC. I began as a part time employee working 3-6 and not knowing anything about a classroom. I instantly fell in love with the special needs children that I served day to day. I loved the challenge of finding out what makes them happy, or what makes them comfortable. Seeing the joy they get when accomplishing a milestone was incredible. While at DLC, I was pushed to further my education in child development. I accomplished this by being diligent in learning the ins and outs of the classroom atmosphere, learning different milestones in child development, and learning each child diagnoses. I expanded my knowledge by learning the medical needs of each child under the close supervision of Mina Geisel (RN) at the time. Since starting my job at DLC, I soon became aware that this wasn't just a job, but my passion and my career. I now have my Certified Nursing Assistant license, Child Development Associate certification, Director Credential certified in VPK and take 30 plus hours of training per year. Ms. Mayra as the program director took me in as her assistant and taught me most of what I know today. So thank you Ms. Mayra, for all that you have taught me and I am extremely



grateful that I am now able to move into the Program Director position ready for the tasks ahead of me because of your dedication to DLC and to me! As well as a huge thank you to Mrs. Amy Buggle for giving me the opportunity to be Program Director. For that I am so grateful! I look forward to the future of DLC and what great things are going to come our way!