



High Street Neighborhood Center

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The High Street Neighborhood Center (HSNC) provides childcare and early education services to children in downtown Lexington. We strive for diversity of race, religion, and socio-economic status and at least 30% of our attendees come to us on scholarship. Although our families work and our rates are relatively low, many of our parents struggle to meet the costs of a highly-rated pre-K and early childcare program and they would appreciate your help.

Our highly-rated system called All Stars is the state quality rating system for childcare centers. The levels are 1 to 5 and we currently have a 4 rating system. We are re-evaluated every 3 years with on-site observation. They focus on classroom equipment and teaching styles.

We are about to embark on our 2nd "walk for the kids" walk, which is our primary fundraiser for the year. All of our proceeds from this event go to support our in-house scholarship program, our All Stars requirements, and the playground. Last year's event was such a success, resulting in a profit of \$15,000.00 for our scholarship program.

As a 501C3, High Street provides tuition subsidies only to families that are working or going to school. We receive several grants from the community, which helps with a portion of our tuition assistance program, as well as supplies, but we need your support.

High Street Neighborhood Center would like to ask your business to be part of our mission. Every year our hope is that this event grows, which is great recognition for our ministry of 52 years. How wonderful it would be for your company to be able to say that you are part of a mission that encourages and supports the working class of Lexington.

Please consider a donation to our event. We will make the most of your support and assure you it will help a child get a successful start in their education. Feel free to contact me if more information is needed or to pick up your contribution.

Thank you,

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History

The High Street Neighborhood Center is a joint ministry of Calvary Baptist and First United Methodist Church. It began in 1969 when a group of visionary women from both churches recognized a need in the community for a downtown daycare center satisfying two critical needs:

- ❖ Affordability for working parents; and,
- ❖ Quality care within a Christian setting.

In the early days, many of the families that High Street Neighborhood Center served lived in a very low income neighborhood occupying what is now the parking area surrounding Rupp Arena, a vicinity historically known as “The Bottoms.” The center’s van picked up the children each morning. Staff made certain the students ate hot meals, wore clean clothes, gained access to medical care, and participated in activities preparing them for school. Fees were determined on a sliding scale based on family agencies, and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Things have changed since 1969. Demographically, HSNC’s student population is different from what it was four decades ago. Children live in all areas of our city. They represent a diversity of race, religion, and culture. Financially, new and developing mechanisms of monetary support augment, expand, and “add to” the center’s original means of funding.

The mission and ministry of High Street Neighborhood Center, however, remains constant and unchanged—caring for, and teaching, Lexington’s children in an environment of Christian love.

Thank you for your commitment to this shared purpose

Additional Facts of Interest

- ❖ HSNC carries a license for 60 children;
- ❖ All parents must work and pay some portion of the weekly cost in order to receive scholarship monies;
- ❖ Third generation children have been enrolled;
- ❖ 75% of HSNC’s enrollment falls below the poverty line;
- ❖ Parent’s invoiced fees for each child’s care are less than actual weekly cost
- ❖ We offer 15-22 families scholarships a year
- ❖ We are a 4 star facility

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WALK FOR THE KIDS SPONSOR SHEET

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SILVER LEVEL:	Medium Logo Recognition \$1,000.00
BRONZE LEVEL:	Small Logo Recognition \$500.00
GREEN LEVEL:	Banner and website listing recognition (no logo)

~ All proceeds go toward High Street Neighborhood Center's in-house scholarship fund~



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COMMITMENT CARD

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SILVER: \$1,000.00 _____
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GREEN: \$250.00 _____
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