



Wesley Education Center for Children & Families

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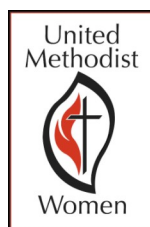
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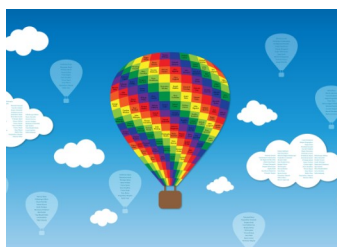
95 Years of Care

Ninety-five years is a long time for any business to remain in operation, especially a small nonprofit. The driving force behind Wesley Education Center's longevity is the support of the United Methodist Women. As a national mission institution, Wesley has benefitted from the vital assistance of many United Methodist Women units around the United States, and more specifically those who live in the West Ohio Conference and the Greater Cincinnati area. The thousands of volunteers, board members, staff and other "Friends of Wesley" who have also supported Wesley through the years can take pride in knowing that they too played a significant role in its success and longevity.

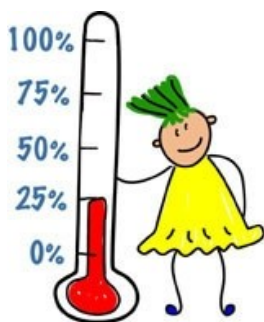


Check out our article in the November's Response Magazine. Written by Rose Palmieri.

To celebrate 95 years, we put out a request asking for 1000 friends of Wesley to donate \$95. We didn't quite reach our mark but we send a **BIG** thank you to everyone who helped us with this lofty goal. Due to the overwhelming response we are unable to list everyone in this newsletter. We are working with a company to design a donor plaque.



Your contributions have helped to make Wesley Education Center the oldest pre-school in Cincinnati. We are so grateful to you for helping to create and support our committed team of teachers. Your gift is extremely important because it offers immediate resources that are directed to current needs and opportunities at Wesley. Our teachers, parents and board members—everyone who works for the betterment of Early Childhood Education joins me in thanking you for your generous partnership and support. It's not too late to be part of the 95 for 95 campaign. As Early Childhood Education advances, Wesley is committed to providing quality education for current and future students and parents. We are excited about 2016 and moving forward from 2 to 3 Stars.



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Moving Forward

On June 9th, Wesley held its 2015 graduation ceremony. The four graduates going to Kindergarten were, Cymere Crawford, Isaiah Broadnax, Mikhael Dunham and Deaira Jackson. Teachers Lisa Brown and Sylvonica Lawrence hosted the ceremony with Mr. Will Parsons opening with prayer. Students stated their career goals, showed off their math skills, and sang two of their favorite songs, "Little Einsteins" and "Tomorrow". Diplomas were distributed by director, Carla Butler. Many friends and family came out to support our graduates and they also enjoyed pizza, cake and punch. Congratulations to Wesley's Pre-K class of 2015!



HOMEcoming CELEBRATION

On August 1, 2015 Wesley celebrated its 95th Homecoming. Rich with 95 years of service, Wesley's success is reflective of the many Board members, teachers, staff and families who have contributed time or money over the years. The smell of food and music filled the air as dozens of former students, teachers and Board Members returned to join in the festivities.

Special invited guests Mickey and Minnie Mouse danced with the children and Dave the Balloon Guy made ladybugs and dinosaurs.



To honor long time supporters, Helen and Joseph Bodden, the children planted and cared for a tree. The tree was dedicated during the celebration.



Summer Fun

During the summer, Wesley held summer camp for ages 5-11. With the help of Ms. Marilyn, Ms. Jaelin, Ms. Paige, and Grandma Eva, summer camp was a success. Kids took trips to the Cincinnati Zoo, Cincinnati Museum, and attended weekly visits to Freshmann Garden's Nature Next Door program.

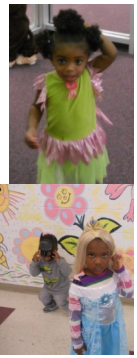
Although the camp was fun, our teachers made sure the children continued to learn with every activity. Next year summer camp will be back with a few special twists.



THE JOY OF FALL

In October the children held a Harvest Festival. They came dressed as superheroes and princesses. They went room to room receiving treats and surprises ending in the music room with dancing and singing.

They enjoyed the changing of the seasons by visiting Parky's Farm. They learned about the habits of different animals, took a hayride to the pumpkin patch to pick their own personal pumpkin. When the children (and parents) returned they were exhausted.



Continued Improvement

As in April when Babeland underwent environmental changes we made similar changes to Discovery World and Pre-K. Both received new calming paint colors in shades of blue and green. We removed half the carpet in Discovery World and replace it with tile to create a space for water play and an easier surface for clean after meals and artwork.



The Pre-K room had a foundation issue that needed to be repaired before renovations could begin. Once the repairs were done, new tile was installed and the bathroom was totally remodeled to accommodate preschoolers.



The children have thrived in their new environments. These changes were made possible by the United Methodist Women's Building Fund.



Looking for a few good people

Wesley is governed by a Board of Trustees and community advisors. We are looking for a few dedicated people (such as yourself) to help direct Wesley's path for the next 3 years. We are looking for people who believe in our mission and are willing to bring and apply their talents and resources. We believe that early childhood education has never been more important than it is today. Preschool is where the excitement toward education starts. We are looking for individuals who want to continue helping us develop newscasters, CEOs, financial advisors, entrepreneurs, and teachers. While we do ask that our Board members play an active role, we pride ourselves on supporting each other as a team and believe that we offer an opportunity for our members to learn and grow with the organization. **For more information call Wesley at 513-861-9865 and ask for Ms. Carla.**

In-Kind support plays a critical role in sustaining Wesley. Your thoughtful contributions help us to stay within budget and allows us to redirect funds to create an environment in which

THANK YOU



the students and teachers can do their best work.

Wish List

- *Baby Wipes
- *Toilet Paper
- *Facial Tissues
- *Paper Towels
- *Antibacterial Liquid Hand Soap
- *Boy/Girl Underwear (Size 3T-6)
- *Doll Clothes
- *Sharpies
- *Batteries (AA, AAA, C, D)
- *Garden Supplies

