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40 YEARS IN THE MAKING

OCTOBER 2023

40 years ago on October 4, 1983, the Children's Center was incorporated! Since then, we have changed and grown! In 1983, we branched out from Edmarc Hospice for Children and served just 63 children in our first year. The next year, we moved into our first building in Franklin. Today, we have 8 buildings and serve over 1,600 children across Western Tidewater. For nearly 40 years, the Children's Center has helped children and families in Western Tidewater learn, grow, and thrive. We thank you for trusting us and we look forward to many more years of serving children and families!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



You may recognize some familiar faces - or babies -
in these photos!





NEW BEGINNINGS

SEPTEMBER 2023

Head Start returned to school on September 11th! Here are some photos of children enjoying the new playground at the Suffolk Executive Children's Center! We also held an Open House in October where community partners and funders came to tour the new wing of our Suffolk center. We thank everyone for the support in adding 6 new classrooms in Suffolk!





In the Classroom



All classrooms are back in full swing! Teachers are still implementing the STREAMin3 curriculum and children are enjoying the interactive activities! This curriculum is funded by the Obici Healthcare Foundation and the Virginia Department of Education.



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The Latest

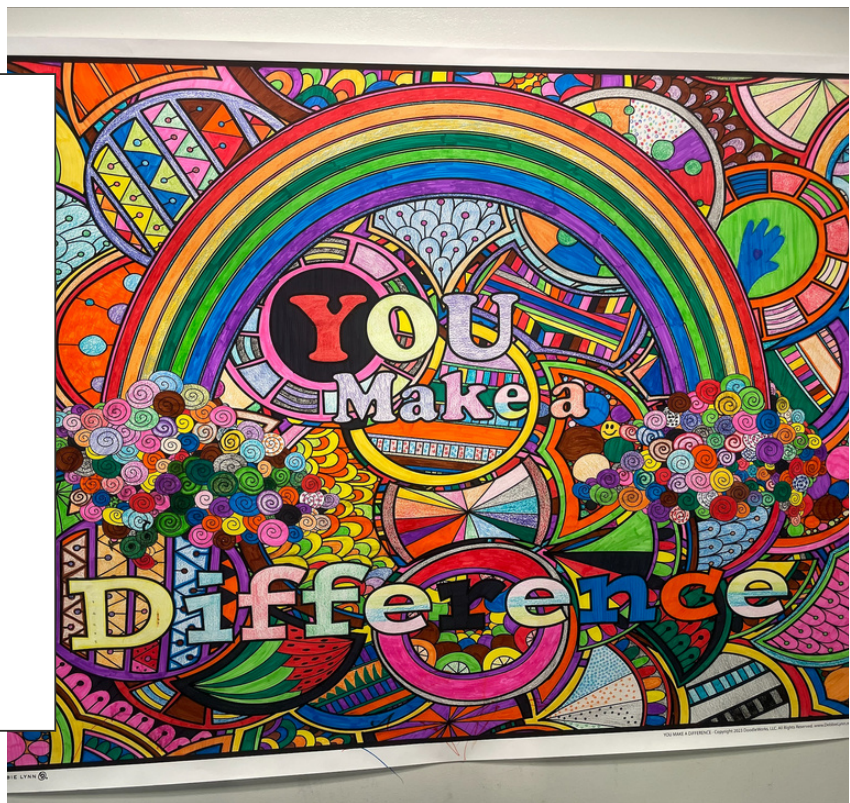


TCC GOES TO VEGAS!

Staff members who often work behind the scenes with our data sytem, ChildPlus, attended a training in September in Las Vegas, NV! Kym Pool, Tricia Edwards, Corrie Walker, and Laurie Phillips are pictured. Way to go ladies!

TEXIE CAMP COLORS

The staff at the Texie Camp Marks Children's Center in Franklin worked together to create a colorful masterpiece! This art project provided brain breaks and encouraged conversation building a sense of community and partnership!

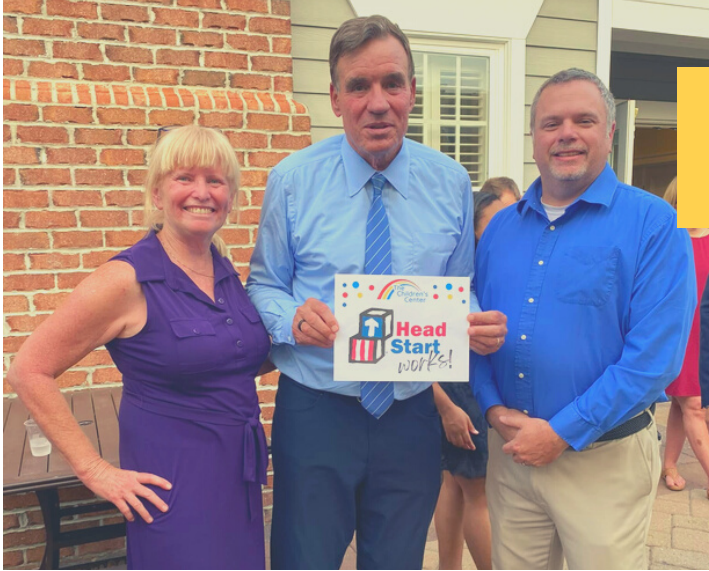


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BETTER TOGETHER

The latest community partnership news!



HEAD START WORKS!

A big thank you to US Senator Mark Warner for his support of Head Start! Chris Tsitsera, Board Member and Rosalind Cutchins, Executive Director of the Children's Center thank the Chamber and Economic Development for hosting Senator Warner in our community!

SAY CHEESE!

Brittney Vandiford Photography recently visited centers to capture many smiles and faces for us! Be on the lookout for new pictures to be shared on our Facebook and website!



ODU COMES TO VISIT

Many thanks to our partners from Old Dominion University's Speech and Audiology Department, whose faculty and students came to Suffolk Davis Head Start to conduct hearing screenings with children!

FAMILY FUN

Homebased Families & PACT Events



As children go back to school, we know how important it is to keep children safe as they walk with families to school or ride the school bus.

Our home-based families attended a PACT event in September and were visited by the City of Franklin Police Department! Thank you for partnering with us to teach families and children the importance of pedestrian safety!



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

A Fun Night of Community!



DONOR RECOGNITION

JULY 1, 2023 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

We embrace the community as our partner in serving children. Donations help make our programs stronger. The Children's Center extends many thanks to the good friends who have made donations between July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2023. You can donate online at www.childrenscenterva.com/donate.

In Memory

Roger W. Drake III

R. Wilson & Ruth Drake

Gregory Bryant Gillette

Owen & Ann Gillette

JL & Darlene Dunlow

Jamie Griffin Vaughan

Owen & Ann Gillette

Mr. Kirk Whitley

Steve & Chris Cole, Jr.

In Honor

Mike Owen

Mitzi McCoy

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Franklin-Southampton United Way

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Kings Fork Ruritan Club

Obici Healthcare Foundation

Sertoma, Inc.

United Way of South Hampton Roads

USDA

Virginia Early Childhood Foundation

Donors & In Kind

Carly Bosco

Melissa Castillo-Carly

Marsha Edwards

Bruce Herbkersman

Brenda Joyner & Rick Bodson

Jennifer & Matt Spencer

**Donate by scanning
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A stylized rainbow with three main bands of red, yellow, and blue, arching across the top of the page.

HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Donate!

You can donate directly to the Children's Center through our website www.childrenscenterva.com, or by mail at 700 Campbell Avenue, Franklin, VA 23851. Your donation can be made in memory or honor of a loved one or friend and designated to a particular building or program. Have you considered a continuing monthly donation by credit card? Click on the DONATE button at the top of our website! When you pay through PayPal you have the option to make your payment recurring!

In Kind Gifts

We accept In-kind gifts including classroom supplies and materials. We accept classroom art supplies, educational toys, recreational toys, and other general supplies. You can donate these items to any center!

Planned Giving

You can make an impact on children for many years to come through planned giving. Planned gifts also give back and can help you prepare for your future. This allows you to take a sizeable tax deduction, and provide favorable capital gains tax treatment. Planned giving allows you to leave a legacy that fits your philanthropic goals.

Follow Us!

The Children's Center is on Facebook and Instagram! Follow us on both so you never miss an update or photo! Sharing our page, including our posts and photos, can help us reach more people and carry out our mission every day!

Amazon Smile

Do you shop on Amazon? The Children's Center participates in Amazon Smile. Each time you make a purchase, a small percentage of your purchase can be donated to us! Set this up by typing in Amazon Smile in your Amazon search bar and then type in Children's Center 1983 and click on The Children's Center in Franklin, VA!

Rite Aid Kid Cents

The Children's Center is part of the Rite Aid Kid Cents program! You can round up your change when you make a purchase at any Rite Aid in the country and designate it to The Children's Center. Go to www.kidscents.com for more details!

NAP Tax Credits

The Virginia Neighborhood Assistance Program provides tax incentives for individuals who donate \$500 or more to The Children's Center in a 6 month period.

The Children's Center



The Children's Center is a partner with United Way South Hampton Roads and United Way Franklin Southampton Area. You can designate your United Way or Combined Virginia Campaign to us at Agency #5076!

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*We thank you for your continued support in
our efforts to nurture and
educate children and families!*

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