



2008-2009 Annual Report



Downtown Hampton Child Development Center

Nurturing young children by providing affordable, quality preschool programs that develop the "whole child" and foster school readiness

How You Made a Difference This Year



2008 Donor Reception

DHCDC supporters were honored during a November gathering at the home of Hampton Mayor Molly Ward.



DHDCDC Parents Fill Sandboxes

Nearly a dozen parents gave up a summer Saturday to improve our Battle Road site playground.



C&F Holiday Gift Delivery

Generous employees of C&F Bank donated many dozens of gifts for our families in greatest need.



Endowment Ice Cream Social

Contributors to our Hunter B. Andrews Endowment joined the children for a summer sundae.



Seventh Annual Fundraising Breakfast

On April 28, Old Point National Bank sponsored a breakfast to help support our children. More than 400 people attended, raising upward of \$56,000. The keynote speaker was Jack Ezzell, founder and CEO of Zel Technologies. The breakfast theme was "When I grow up..." and the children sang about being firefighters.



Blast Off 2009

TowneBank generously sponsored our new family FUNdraiser, Blast Off, held on January 31 at the Virginia Air & Space Center. Nearly 900 people turned out for the multigenerational event.



One child was free with every adult ticket, which covered lunch by the local Kiwanis Clubs, children's music by the Virginia Symphony, performances by Rainbow Puppets, balloon art by Treybo, an IMAX movie, a carousel ride and museum exhibits.

Did You Know?

- 90% of a child's brain is developed by age 5
- One in five children entering kindergarten is not ready for school
- Children who start school behind tend to stay behind
- Quality care and education are shown to lower crime rates, decrease welfare dependency, improve graduation rates and increase employment levels



Target employees cleaned the indoor playground for our infants and toddlers.



Molly Ward read a story and gave each child a book with the Mayor's Book Club.



DHDCDC staff, parents and students rode a float for the Hampton Holly Days Parade.



The Hampton Sheriff's Office brought the Easter Bunny and stuffed rabbits for all.

Why our Program Matters

Without DHCDC, many area families would have nowhere to send their child when they needed to work or go to school. Without DHCDC, more children would be starting kindergarten behind their peers. Our program provides a crucial service to this community, and it takes the help of the entire community to make it happen. Your support really does matter!

Downtown Hampton Child Development Center:

- Serves 350 children, ages 6 weeks to 5 years.
- Runs a full-day, year-round program.
- Provides the Peninsula's only sliding-scale tuition rate, based on family income and need.
- Is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which places it in the top 7% of child care in the country.
- Offers a strong academic program, taught by degreed teachers, that includes children with special needs.



"Too many children arrive at kindergarten already behind ... all kids need special attention, and some more so than others ... We each have time, talent, and creativity, all of which can be powerful forces for positive change."

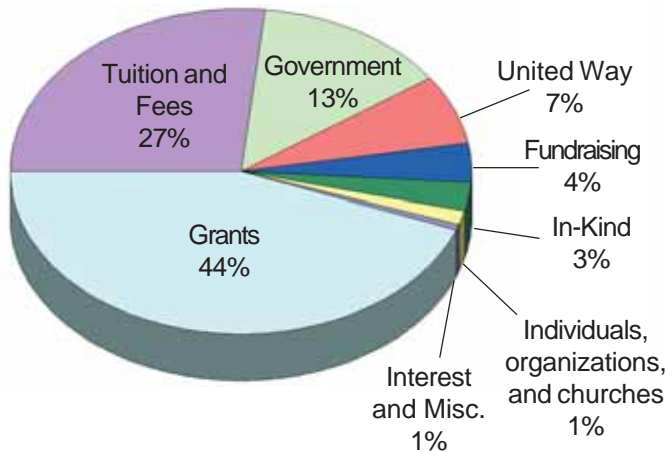
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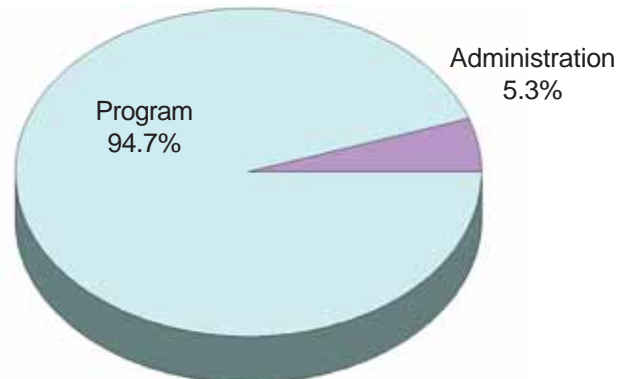


Investing in the Children

Income



Expenses



The average DHCDC parent pays less than \$3,000 per year on the sliding scale. The actual cost to DHCDC for each child is more than \$8,000 per year.

The Children You Are Helping

David's Story

Thank you for helping my grandson, David, become a happy little boy who is learning his colors and letters. David calls DHCDC "my school." Since coming to your center, he's a totally different child.

But a year ago, David was an angry and sad little boy who didn't smile. He was afraid, withdrawn and undisciplined. When he was just a year old, David's mother, who is my daughter, was sexually assaulted by a man who broke into her home. David was in the house at the time and still suffers some of the effects of the trauma. The attack caused mental problems for my daughter, so David came to live with me and my husband.

If it weren't for the sliding tuition rate at your school, we could not afford this life-changing education for David. We pay only \$50 a week.

Since David started in the program, he is less fearful and gaining confidence. He smiles. He enjoys the company of the other children. He behaves. He sings to himself.

What a child learns in the early years, when you can reach them, stays with them until adulthood. By supporting Downtown Hampton Child Development Center, you are turning around the life of David and many others.

Lorelei's Story

When my husband and I first brought Lorelei to DHCDC, I just wanted to find a center that was safe and convenient to where I work. A friend with high standards strongly recommended DHCDC.

In the four years Lorelei has attended, DHCDC has become an extra home. From class transitions to potty training, the staff always work with us to make our daughter's experience positive. She's learning *so much* and getting the discipline she needs.

But last December, my husband lost his job. With Christmas and Lorelei's 4th birthday looming, we were faced with a scary situation. We couldn't afford to pay our bills and keep Lorelei in child care on just my income. But my husband needed time to search for a new job, which wouldn't be possible with Lorelei at home—and we didn't want to uproot her during such a tumultuous time.

I went to the Assistant Program Director and laid it all out. That's when she reminded me about the sliding scale. The amount we were paying was slashed in half. You can't imagine my relief.

Our story has a happy ending. My husband found a good job in just three months. This would not have been possible if not for DHCDC's sliding scale. An increasing number of families in our community need it. We never thought we would be one of them.



Volunteers, such as those from United Way Day of Caring, make a big impact on the children.



Your support is giving our children the tools to become whatever they want to be. Now that's something to smile about!



Honoring our Supporters

THANK YOU to all of our donors and grant funders! This list includes all donations made to the general fund and the Hunter B. Andrews Endowment between June 1, 2008, and May 31, 2009.

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