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Children's Centers

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Dear Friends

What an exciting time for Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers as we reflect on last year and begin preparations to celebrate our 50th anniversary next year. This past year has been one of growth starting with the expansion of our White Marsh site to include a much needed preschool program. Through our partnership with Talbot County Public Schools, we were able to move our Easton Elementary School preschool portable classroom to White Marsh Elementary School, where we now are able to serve up to 20 preschoolers in the Trappe area.



You may notice, as you drive along the Easton bypass, that there is a new Easton Elementary School being built. This new school will include a CACC wing that will consist of two classrooms, an office and teacher workroom. To make this possible, we once again partnered with Talbot County Public Schools. It is because of this relationship, as well as board and donor support, that we were awarded a Community Development Block Grant that greatly defrayed the cost of construction of this wing. We look forward to occupying our new space this coming spring, and we hope you can make it to our ribbon cutting!

We are thrilled to share with you that all five of our child care sites remain accredited and have once again earned the highest Maryland EXCELS Level 5 award. What do these designations mean in terms of the quality of care and education our children receive? While all child care centers are required to be licensed by the Maryland State Department of Education Division of Early Childhood Development Office of Child Care, licensing is a minimum standard. Accreditation standards through the Maryland EXCELS program represent the highest quality of education and care and reflect research-based, best practices in early childhood education. Proudly, CACC has achieved these levels of excellence for over 25 years.

Being designated as Maryland EXCELS Level 5 is due in large part to our incredible staff who respond to the needs of each child and encourage families to participate in all aspects of our program. Our teachers develop appropriate and engaging hands-on learning lessons that take into consideration the individuality of each child. The majority of our teaching staff have been with CACC for years because they love what they do. This year Annetta Biscoe, the White Marsh Site Director, celebrates 40 years of service with CACC.

In summary, this past year we served over 420 children and approximately 270 families. Almost half of these families received some level of financial assistance totaling \$125,000. It is through your generous donations to CACC that these families are able to afford quality child care. In turn, you and these families make a valuable investment in our community. We humbly thank you for your continued support of our children and their families. As you know, the first 5 years of a child's life lay the foundation for the rest of his or her life. Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers is proud to provide a significant part of that foundation. Thank you for your continued support of our programs.

Please join us in celebrating our 50th anniversary next year. Look for announcements of our events throughout the year commemorating this great achievement.

Julie Crocker
President

Our Mission

Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers mission is to provide quality, financially accessible childcare for children and their families in a nurturing, diverse, safe and enriching environment.

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Our Students

420 Total Students

47% of our families receive tuition assistance

\$125,000 Amount of Financial Assistance given per year

4 Generations of families have attended CACC

Established in 1970, CACC has cared for and educated over 12,000 children for four generations!

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

(Ages 2 to 4)

St. Michaels • Easton
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BEFORE- and AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

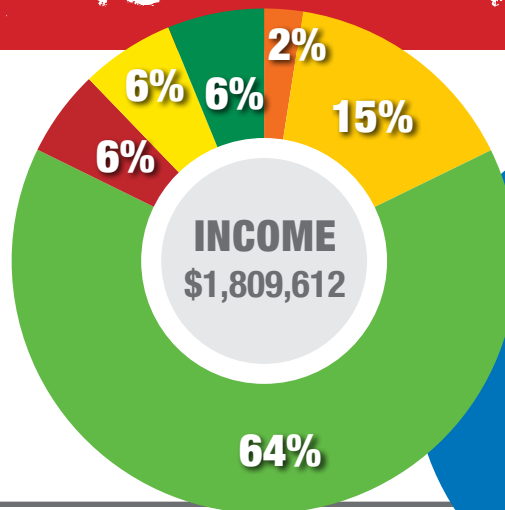
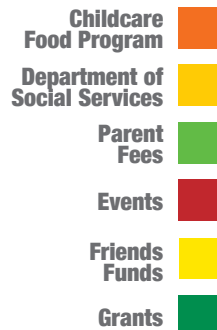
(Pre-K to 5th Grade)

Easton • St. Michaels
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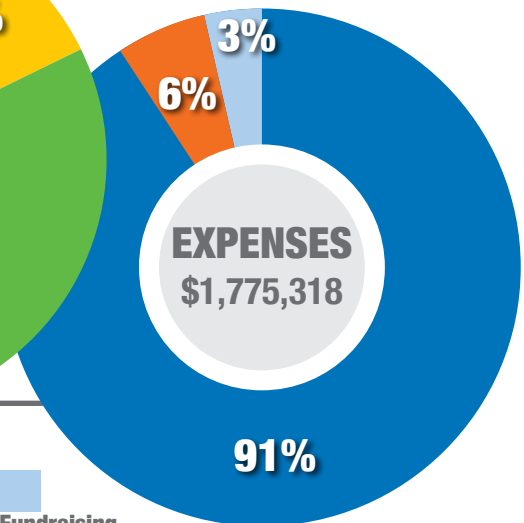
SUMMER CAMPS
AT ALL FIVE LOCATIONS

2018-19 BY THE Numbers

INCOME (Gross)



EXPENSES



All five sites are Maryland State Department of Education Accredited and have earned the highest Maryland EXCELS Check Level 5 rating. CACC has been awarded this level of excellence for over 25 years.

THREE GENERATIONS by Mary Adkins

As I open the door to the 3-year-old's classroom, I am greeted with the sounds of children laughing and playing as they go about their day at Critchlow Adkins Children's Center in St Michaels. Teachers and children alike wave and smile as my 3-year-old grandson Jaxon runs and leaps into my arms. "Hi, Mema," he exclaims as he slides back to the floor and grabs my hand, tugging me toward the building blocks and a small group of his friends earnestly working in the Construction Center. "Look what we

St. Mark's Church in Easton. It was the perfect opportunity to be close to Nicholas while being able to work and make a positive contribution to my new community. My family eventually grew to include three children, all of whom attended Easton Day Care. Those children are now successful business owners and parents themselves, and they have chosen Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers for their own children's early learning experiences. My grandchildren, Grace (13), Macie (8) and Jaxon (3), have all attended or are currently attend CACC, and my youngest granddaughter, who is expected to arrive anytime, is already on the waiting list for the 2021-2022 school year!

Eventually, I moved on from CACC and held various administrative positions in Queen Anne's,

CACC is an important member of our Judy Center Partnership's Early Learning Hub, and its programs have a direct impact on the success of our youngest citizens in Talbot County.

My family wouldn't dream of entrusting our children, ages 2 and up, to any other child care provider, as CACC is the only Maryland Stated Department of Education Accredited and EXCELS Level 5 program in the area. In order to accomplish this level of achievement, CACC goes through a rigorous and voluntary process that holds a program seeking this designation to stringent standards and best practices in the areas of Program Administration, Program Operations and Community and Family Partnerships.

In addition to being a CACC family member and a community partner, I currently serve on the Board of Directors of Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers. I am pleased to have this role, as it offers me a unique opportunity as an early childhood professional, parent and grandparent to truly make a difference in the lives of children and families in Talbot County.



made. It's my St Michaels town!" I smile, reminiscing about my daughter doing the same thing 26 years ago when she attended CACC. Time goes by so quickly, but the excitement about learning stays the same, generation after generation.

Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers, formerly known as Easton Day Care Center, and I have been intertwined since the mid 1980's, when I moved to the Eastern Shore with my son Nicholas. Not wanting to leave him all day while I worked in a school system, I decided to apply for the Director position at Easton Day Care, which was then located at



Caroline and Talbot County Public Schools, and for the past 19 years, I have served as the Judy Center Coordinator for Talbot County Public Schools. I am responsible for assuring that children enter school with the readiness skills they need to be successful.



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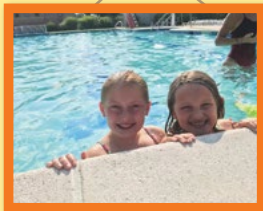
Conor David Nashold was a child in our program who passed away in 2017. His grandfather, Rennie Gay, created **CONOR'S PROJECT** in his honor to raise money for summer swim lessons.

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Johnny Mautz and Carpenter Street Saloon have been great supporters of Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers and have sponsored this event for many years. CACC's site in St. Michaels is the beneficiary of the *Chili Champ Cook Off* event.

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