

# Celebrating 50 Years of Exceptional Childcare

**W**ith a legacy that spans four generations and reaches far and wide within the Eastern Shore community, Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers (CACC) is celebrating its 50th year of providing quality, affordable, educational childcare in Talbot County.

Named after its founders, Happy Critchlow and Janice Adkins, the nonprofit organization has grown from its humble beginnings of a handful of classrooms to include five sites throughout Talbot County. CACC provides preschool, before- and after-school care, and summer camp for children ranging in age from 2 – 12 years old.

Critchlow Adkins is a licensed and accredited program that follows Maryland Department of Education curriculum to ensure that children acquire the skills they need to enter school ready to learn. In addition, CACC goes beyond the basics to provide a variety of enriched programming. Their creative and caring teachers promote critical thinking and problem solving through their literature-based STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) lessons that are geared to each grade level. These hands-on activities provide students with fun learning experiences that spark their imaginations. This summer, campers learned about sharks, designed their own dorsal fins, and raced through an ocean obstacle course they created. Another week, after reading *Ada Twist, Scientist*, children enjoyed creating color-changing iced tea and light sensitive slime as they learned about density and how light affects colors.



At Critchlow Adkins, the success of the family is just as important as that of the child. It is CACC's goal to ensure that families at every income level in Talbot County have access to great childcare. Each year, CACC uses its Friends Fund, which is supported by generous donors from throughout the community, to provide tuition assistance to qualifying families. Knowing that their children are receiving nurturing, safe, quality care, parents can concentrate on working and excelling in their own right.

As she reflects on reaching this exciting milestone, Executive Director Cristy Morrell says, "From top to bottom, CACC is an amazing organization. From our Board of Directors and leadership to our site directors and teachers, and of course our incredible donors and volunteers, there is so much love and care for the children of this community. We want to see the community thrive, and we know that goal starts with ensuring that our children have everything they need to be successful."

In honor of their 50th Anniversary, Critchlow Adkins is hosting a celebration on September 30th which includes a Legacy Award presentation, an auction, and more! To enroll your child in one of CACC's programs, learn more about Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers and how you can help, or to join in on their 50th Anniversary celebration, visit [caccckids.org](http://caccckids.org) or call 410-822-8061.

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*"I have nothing but fond memories of when I went to CACC as a child, and it fills me with joy and confidence knowing that our Teddy is now in your care. Seeing him safe, happy, loved, and learning every day is the greatest gift."* - Kelly, CACC Parent

