

Poinsettia Sale Benefits CACC

The holiday season officially kicked off with the return of the Shaper's Hair Salon Annual Poinsettia Sale. Bicky Warrington, owner of Shaper's Hair Salon, and her husband Dan Warrington, owner of Warrington Builders, host this annual sale to benefit Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers, a local nonprofit providing quality, financially accessible childcare for children and their families in a nurturing, diverse, safe, and enriching environment.

Those looking to spread holiday cheer this season can purchase their poinsettias from Shapers Salon at 413 Needwood Avenue in Easton. Shapers is open Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Poinsettia pricing is forthcoming and will be made available on Facebook@Shaper'sEaston and shapershairstalon.com/in-the-community. The sale has become incredibly popular, and these stunning seasonal plants will be available as long as supplies last.

Proceeds from this festive fundraiser help provide tuition assistance and educational enrichment programming for children at Critchlow Adkins' five sites, located throughout Talbot County.

"It truly is the most wonderful time of the year for us here at Shaper's," Bicky shares. "We love seeing our salon full of beautiful poinsettias and community members stopping by to spread joy to friends, family, and coworkers. It's so gratifying that we are able to help Critchlow Adkins in this way each year!"

Critchlow Adkins Executive Director Cristy Morrell shares the Warringtons' excitement about the sale, "Each year, we are floored by the response to this sale." she says. "We are incredibly grateful to Bicky and Dan for giving our community the opportunity help Build Brighter Futures for the children and families we serve!"

Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers (CACC) serves families from across the Mid

Shore through its year-round preschool programs, before- and after-school care, and summer camp programs at five sites located throughout Talbot County.

CACC provides educational enrichment programming through their innovative, literature-based STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) activities. These fun projects teach children to use critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving skills, and encourage a love of learning - all through play. Preschoolers at Critchlow Adkins sites also participate in early literacy initiatives, such as the Raising a Reader Program, dialogic reading, and Imagination Library.

All five Critchlow Adkins Sites have earned Accreditation from the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) as well as EXCELS (Excellence Counts in Early Learning and School Age Care) Check Level 5 Ratings. Check Level 5 is reserved for the highest quality childcare centers in the state of



Peg Keller and children from Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers pose for a group photograph at Shapers Hair Salon in Easton. Pick up a beautiful poinsettia for the holidays in support of Critchlow Adkins.

Maryland. These are voluntary processes during which childcare centers undergo rigorous evaluation of their facilities and curriculums. They are graded based on criteria such as the use of age-appropriate curriculum and multicultural lessons, family engagement, health and safety checks, staff credentials, and classroom observations.

CACC is able to offer exceptional, affordable childcare, enrichment programs, and tuition assistance to local families because of the generosity and financial support of local individuals, businesses, and foundations. To learn more about Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers, visit www.cacckids.org or call 410-822-8061.

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