



# Celebrating 55 Years of Building Brighter Futures

*Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers*

**T**his year marks a major milestone—Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers is celebrating 55 years of providing high-quality childcare and early education for families in our community! Since opening its doors in 1970, Critchlow Adkins has served over 13,000 children across four generations, giving them a strong foundation for success.

Founded as Easton Day Care Center and later renamed to honor its inspiring founders, Happy Critchlow and Janice Adkins, the organization began with just a few classrooms at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Today, Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers has grown to five locations across Talbot County, offering preschool, before- and after-school care, and summer programs for children ages 2 to 12.

Critchlow Adkins, a licensed, accredited program through the Maryland State Department of Education, is helping children build the skills they need to start school with confidence and a readiness to learn. Their creative and compassionate educators go beyond the

basics, offering enriching, hands-on learning that sparks imagination and encourages problem-solving and critical thinking.

Critchlow Adkins believes that family success is just as important as a child's educational growth. The organization is committed to supporting working families, especially those who struggle to afford quality care. With generous support from donors, foundations, and local businesses, approximately \$60,000 in tuition assistance is provided each year to families—giving parents the opportunity to work, grow, and build stability while knowing their children are safe and thriving.

Executive Director Cristy Morrell reflects, "Reaching this milestone is a true testament to the heart of Critchlow Adkins. From our Board members to our site directors, teachers, volunteers, and donors—everyone shares a deep commitment to the children and families of this community. We believe that when children are given the tools to succeed, the entire community grows stronger."



Join us in celebrating 55 years—and securing the next 55! Together, we can shape the future—one child at a time. Learn more at [www.caackids.org](http://www.caackids.org) or scan the QR code.



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