



2024-2025 Annual Report



Together, we are Building Brighter Futures for our children, their families, and our community!

Local Families Are Grateful For Your Support

I AM A TCPS TEACHER AND ENROLLED MY DAUGHTER AT CRITCHLOW ADKINS SO I COULD BE CLOSE TO HER.

My 2-year-old had never been in daycare before, and I wanted to make sure I was close by. She was nervous, but I was even more so! The convenience of having childcare in my school has been the best! Ms. Melissa and her staff greeted Hope with warm smiles and kind hearts. Their patience and kindness have helped in Hope's adjustment. Thank you Critchlow Adkins!

THE CHILDRESS FAMILY



I ATTENDED CRITCHLOW ADKINS WHEN I WAS LITTLE.

When I needed childcare for my daughter, Miss Annetta was still at the site along with other teachers that I grew up with. Jurnee attended

Critchlow since she was 2 years old. The teachers cared for her as if she were their own! I really appreciate Critchlow Adkins being there for my family throughout all these years. We will miss Critchlow as Jurnee moves on to middle school.

LATEYA SPORT

I JUST WANTED TO GIVE MISS KATIE (AT ST. MICHAELS) A SHOUTOUT.

She has gone above and beyond to help Quinn transition into the after-school program and help him regulate his emotions when things are overwhelming.

He had a tough transition back to school after a long break and change of routine, and Miss Katie has really done such a wonderful job of helping him get back into the swing of things by redirecting with kindness, giving him one-on-one time, and finding teachable moments when he needs some guidance.



She is always on top of communicating with me what happens at Critchlow on good days and what she did to help redirect him on his challenging days, which helps us have conversations with him at home about expectations and making better choices.

We appreciate her and we know Quinn loves his Miss Katie so much. Just felt she needed a shoutout.

BRIDGET WHITED

THE CARING, PATIENT, AND PROFESSIONAL STAFF AT THE WHITE MARSH LOCATION MAKE OUR CHILDREN FEEL VALUED AND SAFE.

Critchlow Adkins is incredibly important to my family. The teachers work diligently to provide a fun, structured, clean, and organized environment.

Weather permitting, the children get plenty of fresh air and playtime outside. Each holiday, staff help the children create the sweetest crafts that we will cherish for years to come. The summer camp themes are so creative and engaging. My daughter still talks about the magic show from two years ago!

We know that we can count on Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers to provide quality care for our children, and that is priceless.

THE OZMAN FAMILY

Celebrating 55 Years!

55 years ago, Happy Critchlow and Janice Adkins had a vision to provide high quality, educational, and financially accessible childcare to local families. Thanks to the incredible generosity of the community and supporters like you, Easton Day Care, which started with one site, is now Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers, with 5 sites across Talbot County. We are proud to carry on Happy and Janice's legacy, serving hundreds of local families each year, helping fuel the local economy, and providing the best possible educational start so our children are successful in school and beyond.

"I think that's a wonderful legacy, that [Critchlow Adkins] has served so many families... And a testimonial to the program that families continue to send their children, and their children's children. That is really special."

- Spring Swinehart, daughter of Happy Critchlow



A Note From Our President

Dear Friends,

Because of you, 2024-2025 was a year of remarkable growth, joyful milestones, and lasting impact for Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers.

With you as our champions, we reached two incredible milestones that will strengthen our programs for years to come. Last fall, we purchased our very first permanent home for our administrative team at 15 S. Hanson Street. More than just a building, this space gives us stability, a place to collaborate and dream, and a true home base for the important work we do every day.

Even more exciting—you helped open the doors to our newly renovated and expanded site in Cordova. Because of you, 30 more children now have access to a bright, joyful space designed just for them. No more school cafeteria for our before- and after-school program. Instead, we have a warm, welcoming environment that reflects our commitment to high-quality care and learning. Your support turned this long-held dream into a beautiful reality.

You also helped our staff shine. Seven of our teachers earned their Child Development Associate credentials, a major accomplishment that directly benefits the children in our care. Our 3- and 4-year-olds are now exploring the acclaimed Children Discover Their World curriculum. And all of our incredible Site Directors were named "Women to Watch," a tribute to the deep trust and respect they've earned from families like yours.

You made our Trivia Night and Conor's Project Sporting Clay Shoot the most successful to date—two events that not only brought our community together but helped us meet the growing need for tuition assistance and enrichment programming at a time when state and federal funding are uncertain, and costs continue to rise.

We'll be honest—this year hasn't been without challenges. Like many nonprofits, we're feeling the pressure. But because of you, we've been able to stretch every dollar and stay focused on what matters most: making sure every family has access to the exceptional education and care their children need to thrive.

You've shown us what's possible when a community comes together with heart and purpose. Whether you gave a gift, sponsored an event, or simply believed in our mission—we are so grateful for you.

Thank you for standing with us. Here's to another year of learning, growing, and making a difference—together.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Julie Crocker

Julie Crocker
President, Board of Directors
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400+ CHILDREN

learning & growing in our programs!

\$50,000

in tuition assistance provided!

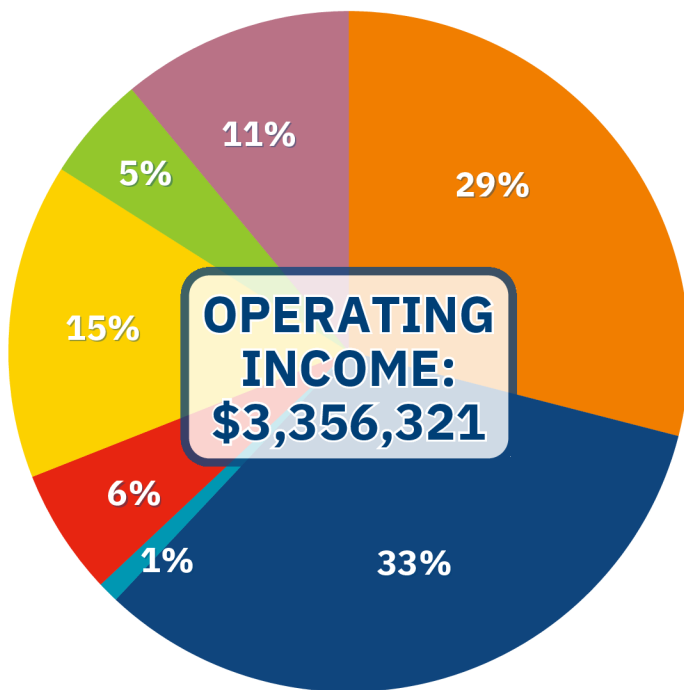
50+ FAMILIES

received tuition assistance!

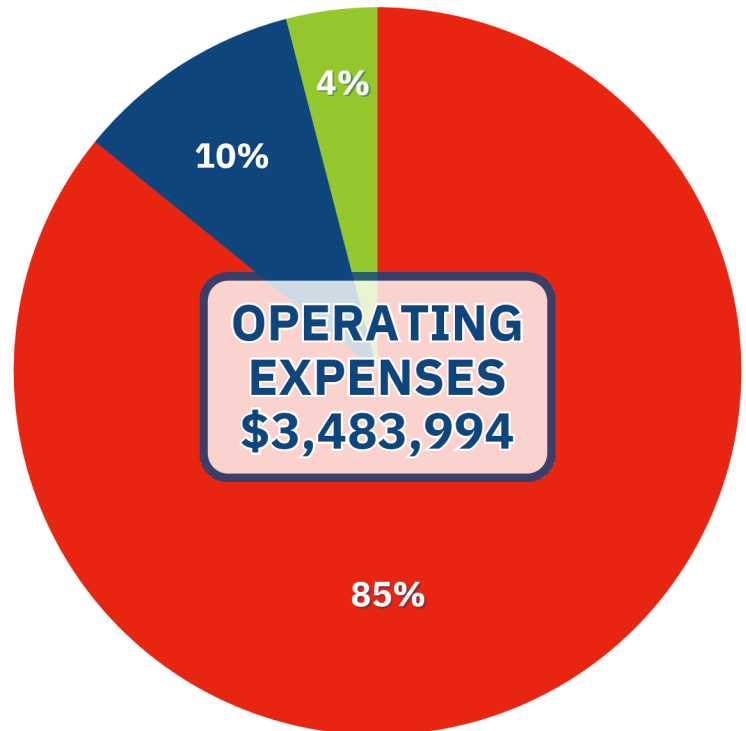
4 GENERATIONS

of families served and counting!

- Parent Fees
- State Childcare Scholarships
- Business Partnerships & Other
- Events
- Friends Fund
- Grants
- Federal/State



- Program Services
- Administration
- Grants/Fundraising



2025 was a year of growth and transition. We expanded programs, invested in staff development, and launched new initiatives to better meet families' needs. These carefully considered investments resulted in a \$127,000 deficit for the fiscal year, which we were able to offset through reserve resources. In addition to our regular Operating Income and Expenses, money was raised for three crucial Capital Projects: Our Cordova Site expansion, the Preschool Site playground renovation (to be completed in late 2025), and the purchase of our new Central Office. We are grateful to all of the funders who helped make all of this a reality. Learn more about these exciting projects and all that you make possible on our website at cacckids.org.

Leadership In Bloom

It's not just our Critchlow Adkins Kids who love learning! Our leaders also seek out opportunities to develop new skills that they can bring back to our organization and our classrooms.

Executive Director Cristy Morrell was a member of the 32nd class of the Leadership Maryland Executive Program in 2025. Along with leaders from across the state, she attended five 2-day sessions this year, focused on vital issues impacting Maryland, including economic development, education, health and human services, criminal justice, and the environment.

Additionally, our Easton School Age Site Director, Keieve Colbert, is a member of the 2025 class of Shore Leadership. Keieve joined other emerging leaders from across the Eastern Shore at monthly sessions focused on topics of regional economic interest.



Critchlow Continues To Grow



As Chapel District Elementary School in Cordova underwent renovations, we had the opportunity to build a brand new, expanded site within the school. The staff and children moved into the classrooms in June 2025.

While we previously had a dedicated preschool classroom, our school age activities were located in the cafeteria. Now, we have 3 bright, warm, welcoming, and engaging classrooms where our children can learn, play, and grow. Included in the space is a Site Director's office and a teacher work room.

This vital expansion allows us to serve up to 30 additional children in our before- and after-school care and summer camp programs, supporting even more working families on the Mid-Shore. We will be hosting a ribbon cutting in June of 2026, when the school renovation is complete.

Meet Apprentice Kennedy Grove

Through our partnership with Talbot County Public Schools, we welcomed Kennedy Grove as a student apprentice at our White Marsh Site. Kennedy was curious about teaching and joined the Teaching Academy of Maryland, a cross-campus course housed at St. Michaels Middle High School. She fell in love with teaching through the course and applied to work with Critchlow Adkins as an apprentice.

When asked what she has gained from her experience, Kennedy shared, "I have learned a lot about classroom management and student engagement, but the biggest thing I've learned is confidence. What helped me the most was that all the kids were approachable and fun. The staff helped me gain confidence by helping me learn the ropes and being patient with me."

Kennedy became an official employee at the White Marsh Site for our 2025 summer camp program. She now attends Towson University where she is pursuing a degree in Elementary Education. We are incredibly proud of Kennedy - she is going to become a phenomenal teacher!





2024-2025 Donors

Thank you to all of our 2024-2025 donors!

Your generosity gives local children the educational head start they deserve to build a bright and successful future, both in school and beyond. You help parents to thrive in their careers, and support hundreds of Mid-Shore businesses.

We are incredibly grateful to each and every one of you!

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Your support of the Cordova Expansion Project is helping us meet the growing needs of families in our community. Thank you for helping us make room for more learning, more laughter, and more love.

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We now have more than 50 Community Partners who help provide the most enriching and well-rounded experience possible for the children we serve. Some of our wonderful partners are Choptank Community Health, our local emergency services departments, S.O.S. (Sink or Swim), Imagination Library of Talbot County, the Talbot County Judy Center Early Learning Hubs, and the Talbot County Health Department, to name just a few. For a complete list of our Community Partners and they support Critchlow Adkins, please visit our website at www.cacckids.org.

We are very excited to welcome one of our newest community partners, Jump Start With the Arts! This project, made possible by Carpe Diem Arts, provides hands-on, interactive learning experiences for the students in our preschool programs.

Thus far, our students have enjoyed watching puppet shows and learning about puppeteering, and have had the opportunity to sing and dance along with folk musicians. We are absolutely thrilled to partner with Jump Start for the Arts and Carpe Diem Arts to provide these entertaining and educational sessions for our littlest learners!



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Conor's Project 2024

After his grandson Conor passed away in 2017 in a swimming pool accident, local businessman Rennie Gay founded the Conor's Project event in his honor. The proceeds from Conor's Project help fund swim lessons and educational enrichment programming for the children in Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers programs.

Held on September 8th, 2024 the 7th Annual Conor's Project raised more than \$85,000 for Critchlow Adkins! We are honored to be the beneficiaries of this special community event, and send our heartfelt gratitude to Rennie, his family, and everyone who comes together year after year to honor Conor's memory in this way.



Trivia Night 2024



We are so thankful to you for a record-breaking Trivia Night event on October 24, 2024 at the Tred Avon Yacht Club! Our Fund-A-Need goal was \$75,000, and thanks to YOU, we raised \$90,000! We cannot thank you enough!

Your generosity provided new classroom furniture, engaging learning centers, and educational programming for our new Cordova Site. We can't wait to see you in June of 2026, when we cut the ribbon on these incredible new classrooms.



Critchlow Adkins Gives Back

One of the most valuable things we teach our students is that it is important to give back to our community. Inspired by your generosity, our Critchlow Adkins kids participated in many charitable activities this year, including:

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Critchlow's Lasting Legacy

When Fayette Engstrom and her husband Bob moved to Easton in 1990, it seemed that everyone she came in contact with was connected in some way with Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers (or Easton Day Care, as it was known at the time). The Engstroms were intrigued and inspired to support CACC. Fayette joined our Board of Directors, and she and Bob loved helping with chores, repairs, and special projects. This wonderful couple was recognized at our 50th Anniversary celebration with the Legacy Award for their incredible contributions to our organization and our community.

Having watched Critchlow Adkins grow and change thousands of lives over the past 25 years, Fayette and Bob decided to join the 1970 Society by making a planned gift to Critchlow Adkins in their wills. Thank you to Fayette and Bob for your generous support, past, present, and future. We are proud to partner with you to Build Brighter Futures for our children and their families!



From Critchlow To The Future!



Your support helps create an ongoing legacy that continuously shapes the future of our community. For proof of your impact, look no further than former "Critchlow Adkins Kids" Kahlil and Bailey. Both were students at Critchlow Adkins from preschool through elementary school, and both have built bright futures, thanks in large part to the educational and social skills they learned at our centers.

Bailey is a Talbot County EMT. She is also an aesthetician who owns her very own business in Easton.

Kahlil recently finished up his freshman year at Salisbury University. Along with playing on the SU football team, Kahlil is studying for a career in Business and Marketing.



What Will YOUR Legacy Be?

The 1970 Society was established in 2021 to honor past legacy gift donors and recognize those who have committed to making a planned gift to Critchlow Adkins Children's Centers. By leaving a gift to Critchlow Adkins in your will, you leave a legacy that supports early childhood education and enriches our entire community.

"We have decided that there is no better place for us to leave money in our wills. The care and education of our children affects our families, our neighborhoods and our whole world."

~Fayette Engstrom

If you would like to join The 1970 Society, contact our Development Director, Liz Connelly, via email at lconnelly@cacckids.org or by phone 410-822-8061 or visit our website at www.cacckids.org

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**Mrs. Katie Schroeder
Peter and Spring
Swinehart**

If you have made a planned gift to Critchlow and would like to join the 1970 Society, please let us know.

**Peek Inside
To See Your
Kindness
At Work!**
**Critchlow Adkins
Annual Report**

Our Mission

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

Critchlow Adkins has five sites, located in Cordova, Easton (2), Trappe, and St. Michaels, and serves families from across the Mid-Shore. All sites are accredited by the MD State Department of Education (MSDE), and have earned an Excellence in Early Learning and School Age Care EXCELS Check Level 5 Rating, reserved for the highest quality childcare programs in the state. Critchlow has earned recognition at these levels for more than 30 years.



Since our founding in 1970, Critchlow Adkins has cared for and educated more than 13,000 children across 4 generations of Mid-Shore families!

Critchlow Adkins offers:

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS
(AGES 2 TO 4)

BEFORE- and AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS
(PRE-K TO 5TH GRADE)

SUMMER CAMP



Excellence in Care and Education
MARYLAND
ACCREDITATION



**LICENSED MARYLAND
CHILD CARE PROVIDERS**
Cordova 20-45445
Easton Preschool 20-31291
Easton School Age 20-31294
St. Michaels 20-31292
Trappe 20-53488