

Bright Ideas



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HCCDC'S 2024 Graduates



John A.



Baylor B.



Beckett B.



Grayson C.



Eliza C.



Miss Jeanna and Miss Zoe pose with the graduates.



Miss Misty, Miss Demitra, Miss Lisa and Miss Pat proudly enjoy the graduation festivities.



Moises F.



Barrett H.



Thompson H.



Ella W.



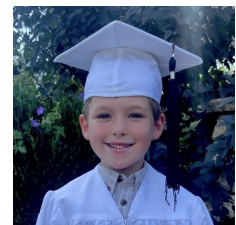
Jackson W.



Holden P.



Ennsle M.



Harrison H.



Fall Update from HCCDC Director Pat Hedden

Our new school year is off to a great start, and there is still lots of excitement about our new classrooms at the Church of the Incarnation. An orientation was held there for parents and students on August 29th, and classes started on September 3rd at that location. HCCDC was closed on August 30th for faculty and staff to receive and review the new staff handbooks, review policies and put final touches on classrooms. In November, we will also be closed on Thursday and Friday during Thanksgiving week.

Below is a list of staff and classroom teachers for your information.

HCCDC STAFF

Director - Pat Hedden

Assistant Director - Demitra Passmore

Administrative Assistant/ Floater - Lisa Mace

Business Manager - Joan Hicks

Director at Incarnation - Misty Barnes

Infant 1 - Laurie Rostallon, Autumn Beck

Infant 2- Rosa Garcia, Andria Allen

Toddler 1 - Kadence Chastain, Kayleigh Henry

Toddler 2 - Bethany Keith, Dakota Bumgarner

Toddler 3 - Lydia Fountain, Chelsie Queen, Destiny Hardy

2 & 3's - Stephanie Barnes, Mary Beth Dryman,
Ruth Hernandez

PreK 1 - Amanda Barnes, Gracie McCall

PreK 2 - Zoe Staffelbach, Jeanna Owens

Floater - Katie Keith

Kitchen - Mary Jo Tallent, Chelsea Moses

HCCDC Mission Statement

The mission of the Highlands Community Child Development Center is to provide affordable, high quality preschool childcare, and early childhood education to promote optimal cognitive, physical, emotional development, in a safe and loving environment to young children and their families, regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, religion, or financial status.

Staff Spotlight: Lisa Mace

Lisa Mace has been at HCCDC for an amazing 18 years. She came to work here directly after graduating from the Highlands School in 2007 and is a Highlands native. Lisa has lived here all of her life and attended Highlands School beginning in kindergarten all the way through high school graduation.

Currently Lisa's job is administrative assistant, and she manages our child care software which is Brightwheel. She also pitches in covering classrooms as needed. You can find her anywhere in the building doing whatever needs to be done. Lisa has been interested in child care for as long as she can remember and loves building relationships with the children and their families in the community while watching them learn, grow, and develop.

She is described by the administrative staff as the "calm in the storm" and a "jack-of-all-trades", always willing to learn. When they think of Lisa the words supportive and dependable come to mind immediately. On the home front, Lisa has been married for 15 years and has two boys, 6 and 13 years old. She loves spending time with her family doing anything outdoors.



What's happening around HCCDC...



Our Annual Tea Party
Fun and Food in July



Summer Gardens at HCCDC which included a grant from Laurel Mountain Garden Club to plant the vegetables.



Snip, Sip, & Support celebrating HCCDC in Sept.
with Cristy Curcucu's Floral Workshop

HCCDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Contact us to set up a guided tour of our main facility and our new Pre-K classrooms.

(Call 828-526-8905)

SUPPORT HCCDC

\$25
can provide craft supplies for a classroom

\$50
provides meals for a child for one week

\$75
pays Continuing Education for our teachers

\$100
will buy a new tricycle or similar playground toy

To Friends of HCCDC,



Joy, laughter, singing, learning. Those are the kinds of things we strive to have HCCDC provide for the children in our care. Lockdowns and police searches are not. But recently we had no choice. A false report was made to our local police about shootings at Church of the Incarnation where we have two classrooms. Without warning, protecting our kids became our only priority. Our teachers and administrative staff were extraordinary, our kids knew their role and executed it perfectly, and the police came quickly, did their job professionally and stayed with us the rest of the day. It would have been a very good practice drill, if only it had been a drill. But now we move forward, update our thinking again about safety, share wisdom back and forth with others in our community and try to help our teachers and administrative staff deal with the aftermath of such an experience. There is always a cost to the darkness others try to bring into our lives and we are reaching out to our Highlands community to help us update our levels of security to give everyone peace of mind.

But there is fun news, too. This week we had our first **Snip, Sip and Support** fundraising event. It was a lesson in flower arranging, with a focus on local plants. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and we got a chance to listen to our kids from the Incarnation classrooms sing a couple of songs that Father Skully from Church of the Incarnation had taught them. Come join us next time!

-Cathy Manning, HCCDC Board President

\$250
purchases seeds, pots, and plants for Demonstration Gardens

\$1000
buys a new crib, bedding, and rocking chair

\$2500
provides a partial scholarship for a child

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