

## **OUR MISSION:**

Winter Park Day Nursery provides a secure, nurturing educational environment that is affordable and supports family diversity.

### **OUR VISION:**

Winter Park Day Nursery will build a stronger community by providing high-quality, affordable early childhood education that will prepare our children to succeed in school and life.

# **BRIGHT BEGINNINGS**

Summer 2013 Newsletter & 2012 Annual Report



# Celebrate Our 75th Anniversary in 2014



The year was 1939. World War II broke out in Europe. In the U.S., The Great Depression was drawing to a close. The average price of a new home was \$3,800, average yearly wages \$1,730 and a gallon of gas only 10 cents. "Gone with the Wind" was a popular film and Glen Miller had a series of hits. In Winter Park, Florida, an elementary school principal noticed that when local citrus packing plants went into production, student absenteeism soared. He realized that mothers working in the plants were leaving their preschool children at home under the care of their slightly older siblings.

Out of working mothers' need for childcare, Winter Park Day Nursery (WPDN) was born. Since then, the school's goal has been to provide access to high-quality preschool education that helps children build foundations for lifelong success. WPDN is one of the few accredited preschools in Greater Orlando to charge tuition on a sliding scale to accommodate families of all income levels. We leverage nationally recognized, proven curriculum to nurture the whole child, and serve as a demonstration site for best practices, impacting the community-wide quality of education.

We'll kick off our 75th anniversary celebration in January with a festive community open house. Stay tuned for news on this and additional special events to celebrate Winter Park Day Nursery's rich heritage and contributions to the education of Central Florida children.

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# An Evening of Fun, Friends and Fund-raising

Presented by Bonn-J Contracting, Inc. and 4Rivers Smokehouse, the 2013 Orange Blossom Jubilee was held at the elegant Winter Park Racquet Club on April 27 and raised more than \$50,000 to support high-quality preschool education for children of all economic backgrounds. Winter Park Day Nursery is grateful to our Honorary Hostess Joan Clayton, our sponsors and all of those who attended, contributed or volunteered at the event.





Far Left: Bonnie Rimel of presenting sponsor Bonn-J Contracting, Inc. (center) with Executive Director Ali DeMaria (left) and Event Coordinator Heather Caldwell (right).

Left: Honorary Event Hostess Joan Clayton and Dr. Walter Jackson of First Baptist Church of Winter Park greeted guests as they arrived.

Photos by Rachel Spacal, Toy Rocket Media

#### **ORANGE BLOSSOM JUBILEE SPONSORS**

Presenting Sponsors: Bonn-J Contracting, Inc., 4Rivers Smokehouse

**"Building Brighter Futures" Sponsors:** Commerce National Bank & Trust, Walt Disney World® Resorts

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# Thank You

Thanks to a \$17,210 grant from Dr. Phillips Charities, WPDN was able to fully renovate our two children's restrooms this summer. Grants like this help us maintain first-rate facilities that keep our children comfortable and help them learn important hygiene skills.

Kudos to Board Chair David Isaacson and his wife, Judi, for hosting their second annual "Circuit Breaker Challenge" fitness fund-raiser at Workout 32789. The event raised nearly \$2,000 to benefit WPDN and provided a lot of family-oriented fun, too.

At a March 27 awards ceremony, WPDN received a \$10,000 grant from Walt Disney World's "Helping Kids Shine" grant program to fund our Positive Behavior Support Services. The grant will cover staffing, parent resource materials, tuition subsidies and outside therapy not covered by insurance.

A \$1,500 grant from the Track Shack Foundation made it possible for us to purchase brand new tricycles for our children's outdoor recreation and fitness. Thank you, Track Shack Foundation!





# 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

169 children served ages 2-5

62 Voluntary Pre-K students

**42,000** nutritious meals and snacks served

20 families receieved Positive Behavior Support Services



We miss Grandma Vinel Baldwin, who sadly passed away in 2012 after serving as WPDN's beloved foster grandparent for 13 years.



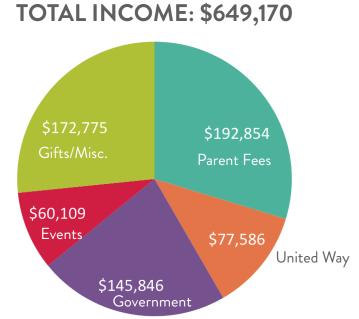
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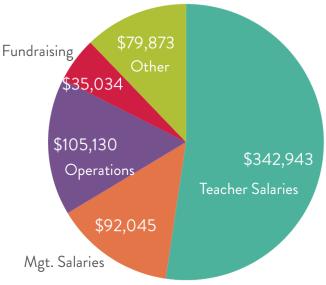
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Government: VPK, School Readiness, Food Program Misc: Interest, parent fundraiser, federal/state employee campaigns

# **TOTAL EXPENSES: \$655,025**



Operations: facility maintenance, insurance, utilities, office supplies, computer expenses, advertising, depreciation

Other: contract labor, education & food programs, professional fees