



WINTER PARK
day nursery

EXCELLENCE IN EARLY EDUCATION



DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

Time seems to fly by. I now have three full years under my belt as Executive Director and 10 years as part of the Winter Park Day Nursery (WPDN) family, and I continue to be amazed by the new developments at our school. With challenges and change come learning and growth—and with the passing of yet another year comes the opportunity to reminisce about all we accomplished in 2014.

The community continues to embrace us, with wonderful supporters singing WPDN's praises at every opportunity. As the buzz about our school increases, so does the length of our student wait list. More than ever, Central Florida families need affordable preschool options and recognize the value of an excellent education from the day nursery. We're taking advantage of this increased interest and excitement about what we do as an opportunity to explore how our programs should expand and evolve to support the changing environment.

We completed the first year of our Successful Transitions program, which is funded in part through the Heart of Florida United Way. Already, we have learned a lot by monitoring our graduates' transition to kindergarten, and gained insights that will help fine-tune our curriculum. The program helps us see where our alumni are excelling, and which areas of their learning we can improve to prepare them for success in kindergarten and beyond. We are eager to watch how our students do in year two as they conquer first grade!

For the third year in a row, Bonn-J Contracting was one of our most generous supporters. This wonderful local company was not only the presenting sponsor for our annual Orange Blossom Jubilee fundraiser, but also contributed more than \$12,000 to WPDN from its 2014 charity golf tournament. Outstanding partners like Bonn-J demonstrate the importance of quality early childhood education and build a strong foundation for our community support.

Our annual appeal for funding exceeded all projections, capping off WPDN's 75th year of service with more than \$20,000 to support the school. As part of a generous grant, the Galloway Foundation matched this amount and every contribution from November and December dollar for dollar. Without such dedicated donors, volunteers and board members, WPDN's talented staff wouldn't be able nurture young children and their families with such success. We rely on the support of our community to help make it all happen.

Thank you for all you do, and have done, to build Winter Park Day Nursery into the trusted resource it is today. As investors in the future of Central Florida's children, you are making an important difference in our community and our cause.



Ali Di Maria

Executive Director



OUR MISSION

Winter Park Day Nursery provides a secure, nurturing educational environment that is affordable & 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.



OUR VALUES

Accessibility

We believe that every child deserves a high-quality preschool education, so we offer scholarships to make our program affordable for all families.

Quality

We believe that by upholding the highest standards, we inspire others. WPDN is accredited by the National Accreditation Commission (NAC) for Early Care and Education Programs.

Diversity

We believe that valuing different perspectives is vital to the success of our mission. Our school family reflects the rich diversity of our community.

Support

We believe that nurturing children means supporting their families with resources like parenting education, healthy meals, behavioral and developmental services, and an emergency food and clothing pantry.

Impact

We believe in advancing the community-wide quality of preschool education by serving as a demonstration site for best practices and advocating for the cause of early childhood education.



Since 1939, Winter Park Day Nursery has helped our community's youngest residents build foundations for success in school and throughout life. We provide the confidence-building early experiences that are critical for children ages two through five. WPDN is proud to be not only a leader in educating young children, but also a trusted resource for families.



A SNAPSHOT OF 2014

102

total students
(ages 2-5)

20

Voluntary Pre-K
graduates

60

children on
the wait list

293

volunteers at
the school

59,280

nutritious meals
and snacks

81

hours of
parent education

88.5%

of students received
tuition scholarships

357

hours on
the playground

10

pounds of food
from the garden

6

two-year-olds
per teacher

9

three-year-olds
per teacher

10

pre-kindergarteners
per teacher

WPDN'S 75TH YEAR



◀ Mrs. Jinger Iselin retired after 13 years teaching at the day nursery. Her colleagues and friends created the Summer Scholarship Fund in Jinger's honor, to pay one student's summer tuition each year so that he or she can keep learning all year long. By helping them avoid the "summer slide," we give students the chance to keep building on the momentum they establish during the year toward mastering important skills like reading and math.



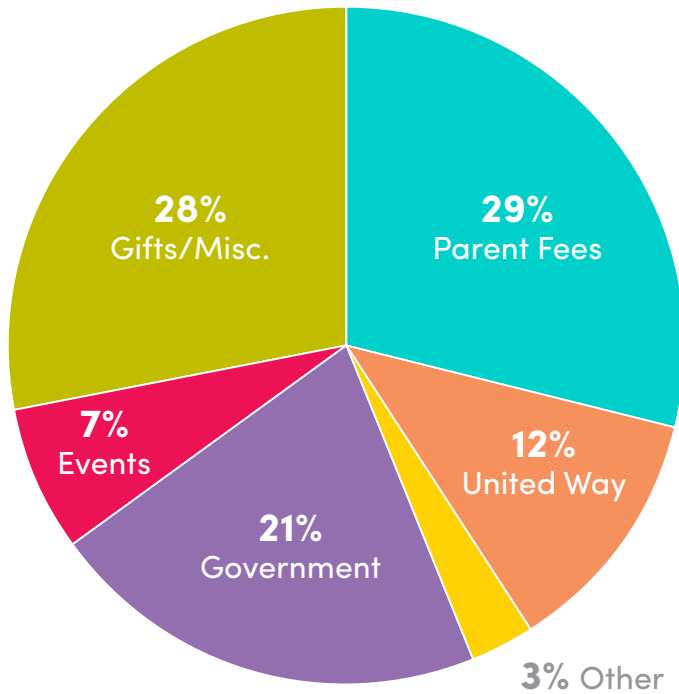
◀ Our pre-kindergarteners completed an eight-week anti-bullying program called Little Leaders of Courage, facilitated by Harbor House. They learned how to make safe and helpful choices, and who to ask for help if someone is hurting them. This program was an excellent complement to the social and emotional skills that WPDN students learn through Positive Behavior Support and Conscious Discipline.



L to R: Gary Brewer, Ken and Ann Murrah, Linda Kulmann

◀ We threw a WPDN birthday party! Our 75th anniversary festivities were sponsored by Orlando Health and hosted by former state representative Dick Batchelor and columnist Scott Maxwell. "We are so pleased by the outpouring of support we received in celebration of our milestone birthday as well as the community's embrace of our mission throughout our long history," said Executive Director Ali DeMaria.

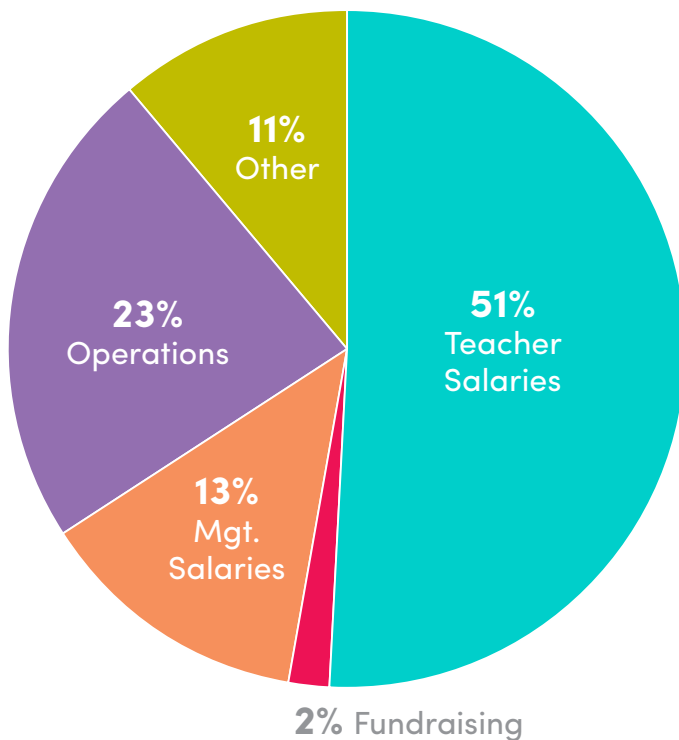
2014 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS



Total Income:
\$750,292

Government: VPK, School Readiness,
Food Program

Misc.: interest, parent fundraiser,
federal/state employee campaigns



Total Expenses:
\$724,087

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

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

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