



WINTER PARK  
day nursery





## DEAR FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS, AND THE COMMUNITY,

As we reflect on the 85th anniversary of Winter Park Day Nursery, we are overwhelmed with gratitude for the generosity and commitment shown by our donors, board of directors, and the entire community. Thanks to your unwavering support, this milestone year has been quite transformational.

One of the most visible changes has been the addition of two beautiful new playgrounds, made possible by the incredible contributions of our donors. These new spaces are already bringing joy and fostering the physical and social development of our children each day.

We are also deeply grateful for the investment and guidance of our dedicated board of directors. Their leadership continues to inspire our growth. The completion of vital renovations, expertly carried out by RLH Residential and funded by the Hope for More Foundation, has created a refreshed, welcoming environment for our children and families.

The Edyth Bush Charitable Foundation celebrated its 50th anniversary and gave us the opportunity to apply for funding to mark the occasion. We were awarded a generous amount that allowed us to make significant upgrades to safety and technology, ensuring that our learning spaces are equipped to meet the highest standards for early education.

Our accomplishments this year also extends to our fundraising efforts. The Orange Blossom Jubilee in April was a resounding success, raising essential funds to support our programs and allowing us to continue investing in the quality of education and care that defines Winter Park Day Nursery.

Because of this outpouring of support, we are able to focus even more intently on what matters most—our teaching team and students. Through ongoing training in Teacher Child Interaction Training (TCIT) and the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS), we are building stronger, more impactful interactions between our educators and the children. This investment in professional development ensures that our team is equipped with the tools and skills needed to foster a nurturing and engaging learning environment.

Thank you for standing by our side during this momentous year. Your belief in our mission empowers us to continue providing a safe, enriching, and loving environment for children in our community. Together, we are building a brighter future for the next generation.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Executive Director

# OUR MISSION

Winter Park Day Nursery provides a secure, nurturing and 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, behavior 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.



"Enrolling our children in Winter Park Day Nursery was one of the best decisions we've made. I can't say enough good things about this preschool! The staff is incredibly warm and caring, creating a welcoming atmosphere for both children and parents. The curriculum is well-balanced, incorporating play-based learning that keeps our children engaged and excited. I've noticed significant growth in their social skills and confidence since starting here. The communication with parents is excellent, making it easy to stay informed about our children's progress. I highly recommend this preschool to any parent looking for a nurturing environment!" -WPDN Parent, 2024





# A SNAPSHOT OF 2023 - 2024

84

total students  
(ages 0 - 5)

36

children on  
the wait list

45%

of students received  
tuition scholarships

\$96,298

in tuition scholarships  
funds provided

38,250

nutritious meals and snacks

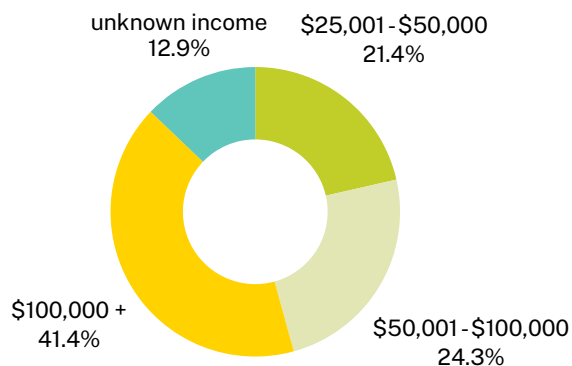
95%

average enrollment  
throughout the year

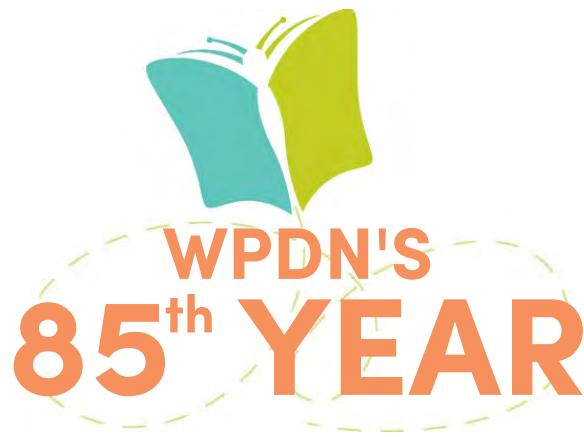


55%

staff retention in 2022



## Family Household Income



# WPDN'S 85<sup>th</sup> YEAR



This year all our teachers successfully graduated from a TCIT training program with the support of our Mental Health Consultants at Kinder Consulting. Teacher-Child Interaction Training (TCIT) is a research-tested classroom prevention & intervention program that decreases disruptive student behaviors, increases child protective factors (self-control, initiative, and attachment), and improves social-emotional functioning. This training has been incredibly impactful as it utilizes a bug-in-the-ear for supporting and coaching teachers in-the-moment while working with their students making the learning come to life in their daily practice.

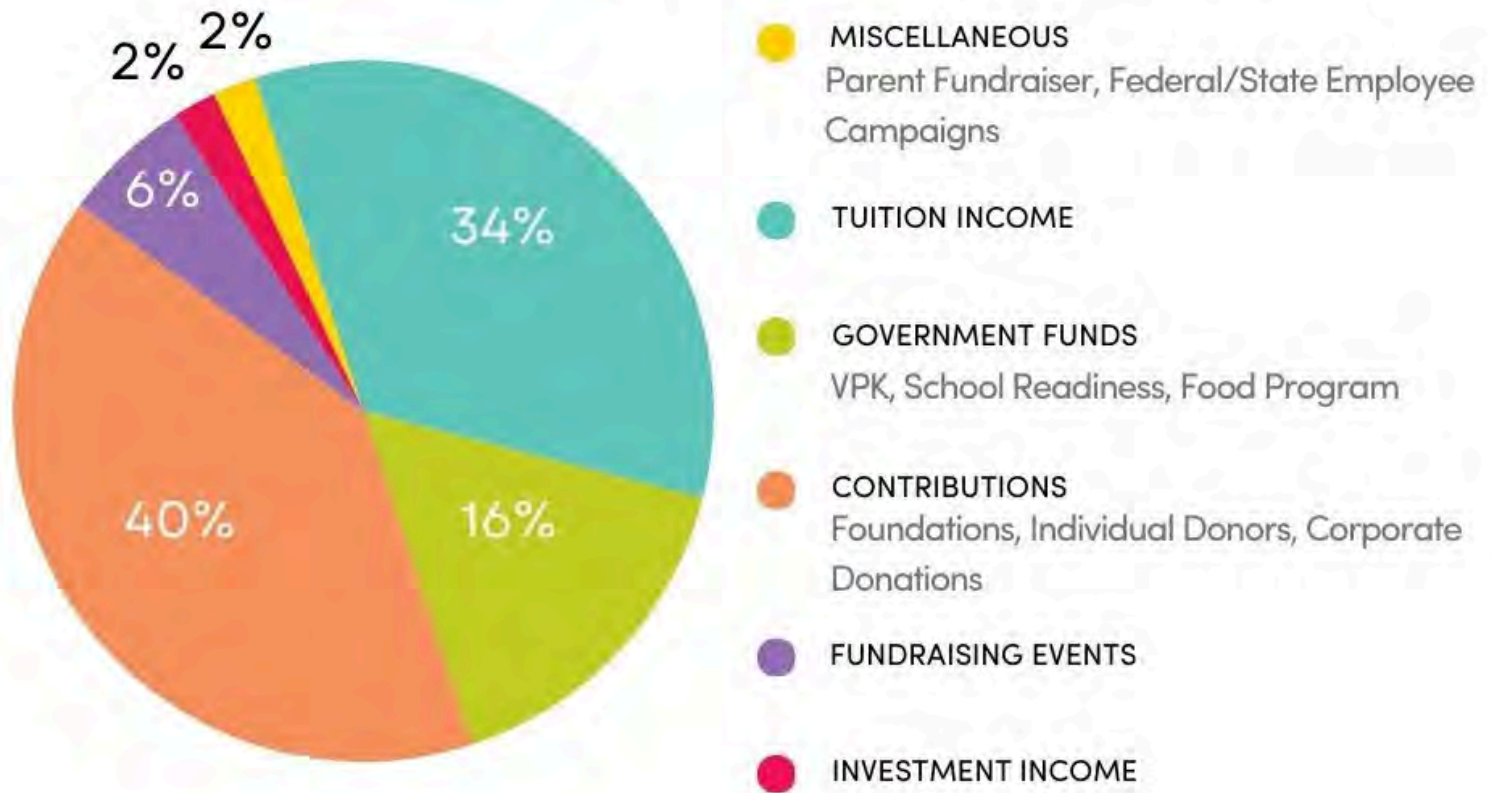
Outdoor play, whether organized or not, is highly beneficial for preschool-aged children and so critical to healthy child development. For 84 years, Winter Park Day Nursery (WPDN) has been dedicated to changing the lives of young children by developing their minds AND their bodies. The area that encompasses WPDN's preschool playground was built over 20 years ago and has been well loved for all those years and was in need of replacement. Thanks to the support of our community, we were able to upgrade both playgrounds with new, refreshed, safe equipment, ground cover and fencing.



The 24th Annual Orange Blossom Jubilee "A Whole New World" was held at the Winter Park Events Center on April 19, 2024. We were able to raise over \$100,000 thanks to our sponsors, community members and businesses. A special thank you to the Joe & Sarah Galloway Foundation for being our presenting sponsor each and every year!

# 2023-2024 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

## TOTAL INCOME: \$1,541,186



## TOTAL EXPENSES: \$1,375,097





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