

JRC Cares



JRC Newsletter

Spring 2017

21st Annual Women in History

Laying the Foundation, Building a Future

Barbara J. Daniel, Publisher of the Cleveland Women's Journal gave the keynote address to a sold out room at the 21st Annual Women in History luncheon. This year's event was held at Brookside Country Club. The purpose of the event is to celebrate the accomplishments women bring to our collective history while raising funds for the JRC Learning Center.

Co-Chairs Stacy Dulik and Pat Fuller welcomed attendees, Pastor Marilyn Roman gave the invocation, and Maureen Ater was the mistress of ceremonies. Kay Flood and Darlene Violet were honored for their service to JRC, and 16 children from the center performed "With My Own Two Hands" and "This Is How We Build".

Funds from the event are used to help provide some of the essentials that help make JRC a 5-Star rated center. We have lower staff/child ratios which means teachers have more one-on-one time with children. This allows us to hire teachers with more education and experience and provide regular assessments for each child so parents and caregivers can track their child's growth.

JRC is truly blessed that 28 women worked diligently over the past year to create one of the most popular luncheons in the area while raising funds for children.



"Our many thanks go out to the Women in History Planning Committee. This year Stacy Dulik and Pat Fuller served as co-chairs and produced an amazing event ..."

*- Tom Thompson,
JRC Executive Director*



THIS IS HOW WE BUILD !

In This Issue

- 2017 Women in History
- Why Is Early Education So Critical to Children
- Summer of Excellence
- Preschool Opportunities
- How to Leave a Legacy
- Volunteer Opportunities
- 2017 Fashion Show at JRC Adult Day Center
- Director's Corner, What's new at JRC



Why Is Early Education So Critical To Children?

A child's brain develops rapidly during the first five years of life, especially the first three years. It is a time of rapid cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and motor development.

The child's brain grows as she or he sees, feels, tastes, smells, and hears. Each time a child uses one of the senses, a neural connection is made in the child's brain. New experiences repeated many times help make new connections which shape the way a child thinks, feels, behaves and learns, now and in the future.

A close relationship between a child and a caregiver is the best way to nourish a child's growing brain. A child's brain grows when a caregiver speaks, reads, tells a story, or plays with them and nurtures them with healthy food, love and affection. Being healthy, interacting with caregivers and living in a safe and clean environment can make a big difference in a child's growth, development and future potential. Much of the interaction planned by the staff at JRC Learning Center embraces this concept to provide a sensory enriched environment.

Babies are born ready to learn and their brains develop through use. So, a child needs a stimulating environment with different activities that give them plenty of ways to play and learn, and chances to practice what they are learning.

“Tell me and I forget, teach me and I remember, involve me and I learn.”

- Benjamin Franklin

The JRC Learning Center accepts donations of used clothing (all sizes), children's underwear (brand new in package), pencils, paper, notebooks, folders, markers, art supplies such as yarn, glitter, paint and glue. Please leave the items you are donating at the main desk and be sure to include your name and address.

Thank You

Summer of Excellence

Thanks to the Stark Community Foundation, the JRC Learning Center's is offering it's "Summer of Excellence". The program is designed to combine active learning and character building during field trips.

This summer the children will be going to Beech Creek Gardens, Akron Children's Museum, NTR Canoe Livery, 9 trips to the First Tee of Canton, Olentangy Caverns, Akron Zoo, Cleveland Museum of Natural History, several bike trips along the Ohio and Erie Canal Towpath Trail and multiple swimming opportunities.

Hands-on learning and service to others are important components. The program also emphasizes developing healthy habits related to nutrition and physical activity.

Preschool Opportunities

If you and your child live in Canton City School District, you may be eligible for free or reduced pre-school. Enroll now for August openings. You must meet certain income guidelines and your child must be 4 years old by September 25, 2017 to qualify.

330-452-8376

**Additional Preschool Programs
Are Available**

How To Leave a Legacy To JRC

Write a will. Protect the assets you've worked a lifetime to build.

Leave gifts in your will. Imagine the positive impact in your community if everyone made even a modest donation to a favorite non-profit organization.

Leave a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate

Name JRC as the beneficiary of your IRA or pension plan.

Name JRC as the beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy.

Ask your tax advisor if you can avoid capital gain taxes by donating stock to JRC.

Remember deceased loved ones with memorial gifts to JRC.

Volunteer Opportunities

JRC Adult Day Center

Do you play a musical instrument? Like to sing? Lead games? Have pictures or artifacts about history? The adult day center is always looking for volunteers who like to get involved with senior citizens. Call Melanie Griffith at 330-454-3471 for more information.

JRC Learning Center

Volunteers are needed to help in the nurseries and toddler classrooms. Preschool children appreciate someone who likes to read, have a talent they can share, or help with educational games. Call Jennifer Palmer at 330-452-8376 for more information.



JRC Adult Day Members - On The Runway

The JRC Adult Day Center's 6th Annual Fashion Show didn't disappoint! JRC Adult Day members enjoyed a day of pampering, dressing up, fun, and laughter in the company of friends and family who attended the event.

Once again, under the leadership of volunteer Lesley Venturella, who organized the event, the Fashion Show was a huge success!

Thank you to Lesley, and the many volunteers and businesses who generously gave of their time, talents and resources to help make this event happen! Valuing seniors with engaging and fulfilling events such as this is one of the ways JRC Adult Day Center strives to make a difference in our community.

See more pictures on our Facebook page at:
www.facebook.com/JRC-171122173756

To learn more about the JRC Adult Day Center, call Melanie Griffith at 330-454-3471.

Executive Director's Corner



Just think about this fact. One hundred forty five children are walking through the doors of the JRC Learning Center in NE Canton each day, excited to learn. They are looking forward to healthy meals and snacks, daily exercise, and having fun in a safe and healthy environment. These children are being educated in a 5-Star rated center, and their parents are able to work or attend college at the same time knowing their children are in good hands.

Senior citizens are doing the same at the JRC Adult Day Center at Meyers Lake. Each day 35 – 40 seniors look forward to a day filled with fun, engaging activities, and breakfast, lunch and an afternoon snack. Caregivers are able to work, shop, or get away from their daily responsibilities for a few hours. JRC has several affordable options and is open between 7:30 am and 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

None of the above would be available if it were not for the quality, caring, and trained staff, a board of directors who believe in JRC's mission, and a bevy of volunteers who provide so much love to our children and seniors.

If you would like to volunteer to work with either our seniors or children, share a specialty, bring a pet to visit, or rock a baby, call one of our respective centers at the numbers listed in the box to the right and come in for a visit. Our volunteers make each day a special day at JRC!

- Tom Thompson

Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services and volunteer opportunities

JRC Learning Center
2213 14th Street NE
Canton, OH 44705
330-452-8376

JRC Adult Day Center
3300 Parkway St. NW
Canton, OH 44708
330-454-3471

JRC Admin Office
1731 Grace Ave. NE
Canton, OH 44705
(330) 455-3873
info@JRCcares.org

Visit us on the web at
www.JRCcares.org

PLACE
STAMP
HERE