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**...FOR THE AGES!**



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What is the definition of “for the ages”?

Merriam Webster Dictionary – “for the ages” an idiom meaning something that will last across many ages, something that will be remembered for a long time. Our story “for the ages” began 45 years ago with a priest. Father J. R. Coleman had a vision to make a difference in the future of the lives of children and seniors.

In 2018, JRC purchased the former Meyers Lake Ballroom that housed the JRC Adult Day Center. The facility is being renamed the “Myrna A. Pastore JRC Campus.”

## *JRC developed a plan “for the ages”*

**This plan** will last “for the ages” in realizing the vision of doubling the amount of seniors attending with 60 plus daily at the JRC Adult Day Center.

**This plan** will last “for the ages” for the betterment of children with JRC’s additional learning center offering early education classrooms for children 6 weeks old to 5 years of age, serving 140 children annually.

**This plan** will allow JRC to expand the Intergenerational Connections Program “for the ages” as we will offer more interaction between seniors and children on a daily basis with new and exciting programming. Activities such as watercolor painting, yoga and movement, improvisation and storytelling will help the seniors feel more self-worth through accomplishments with the children. The children in turn will learn to work with the seniors while valuing their differences and acceptance of their handicaps.

**This plan** will impact the community both for children and seniors “for the ages” as we undertake an exciting course of action to provide additional care for these two vulnerable populations.



# KIDS. SENIORS.



SENIORS. COMMUNITY

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# Letter from the Director & Board President

As JRC prepared for 2020, the outlook was very bright due to a thriving adult day center and an early education center which continued to provide 5-Star early education. The renovated JRC Campus at Meyers Lake was in the midst of construction, and plans for an additional early education center and an expanded adult day center were within range of becoming a reality.

COVID-19 hit our country in full force in mid-March and the new focus became how to survive as a business amid new challenges. Serving our children and seniors as we knew it would not be the same. JRC took steps to continue providing learning packets, diapers, wipes, on-line sessions, and regular calls with families at the JRC Learning Center to ensure learning was continuing for our vulnerable children. For seniors, staff provided healthy lunches, well-being checks, socialization and activities remotely during the closure period. This was needed as our vulnerable seniors were facing the challenges of available meals, loneliness, and lack of movement. The remote services were the only connection to the outside world for some of our seniors.

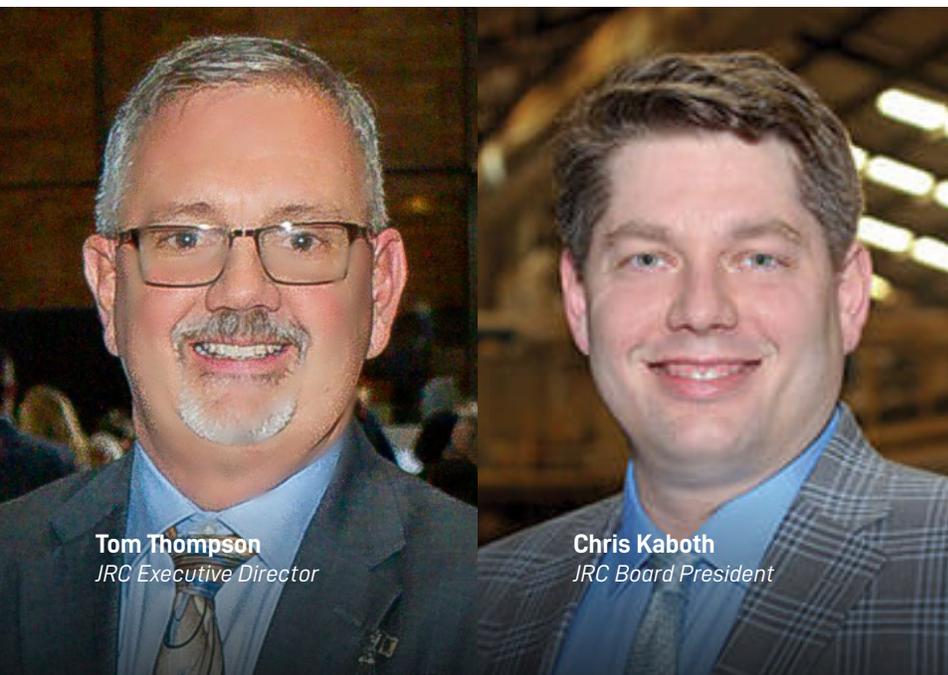
Looking back, 2019 was an amazing year of reaching new heights at JRC. JRC had developed an exciting Intergenerational Connections program where seniors and children came together for intentional and quality programming. Both generations benefited greatly from this weekly interaction that included storytelling, role playing, music, watercolor painting, field trips and more!

JRC Learning Center took on additional Early Head Start children to increase the children served by this community collaboration. The 5-Star Step Up to Quality rating let families of children and the community remain aware of the quality of early education provided at the JRC Learning Center.

The JRC Adult Day Center remained a high quality adult day center with an increasing number of seniors and caregivers benefiting from the wide variety of activities offered. There was never a day where something said or done by a senior didn't bring a smile to the faces of seniors and staff at the adult day center.

The work of JRC staff and the leadership of the JRC Board of Directors showed dedication to the mission of JRC to enrich lives through Educating Children, Engaging Seniors, and Strengthening Community. The belief in JRC's mission from the community has been outstanding with so much support for the JRC Meyers Lake Campus capital campaign project as well as the annual Women in History fundraiser. Hundreds of individuals, organizations, and foundations have stepped up to support the early education and adult day services to our two most vulnerable populations.

JRC is still strong after 45 years of serving the greater Stark County community. We look forward with excitement to the years to come as we commit to continued quality services for the ages!



**Tom Thompson**  
JRC Executive Director

**Chris Kaboth**  
JRC Board President

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Tom Thompson and Chris Kaboth in blue ink.

# LEARNING CENTER

## JRC Learning Center

JRC Learning Center is an early education center where primarily low to moderate income children from age 6 weeks to 13 years old are intellectually, physical, emotionally, socially and cognitively prepared to succeed in life.

JRC Learning Center has provided quality early education and care since 1980.

JRC Learning Center is a five (5) star quality rated center according to state of Ohio Step Up to Quality standards. Step Up to Quality is a voluntary quality rating system for early childhood education programs licensed by the state of Ohio. JRC Learning Center is one of a few among the highest rated centers in Stark County.

JRC offers an Early Head Start Program for 40 children between 6 weeks to 3 years old.



Over 30 children received free preschool services through a collaboration between Canton City School District and JRC.

JRC Learning Center implements Healthy Habits for a Lifetime to address childhood obesity and nutritional issues which is more prevalent in lower income communities. The majority of processed foods have been eliminated from the monthly menu.

It is proven over the years that investing in early childhood development greatly impacts success in life. Promoting successful growth and development of children has been a stated goal of JRC for many years. JRC's primary long-term outcome is that children who consistently receive high quality early education and care will increasingly display high levels of school readiness.



# BY THE NUMBERS

JRC is **one of only seven 5-Star Centers in Stark County** offering quality early education and care for children ages 6 weeks through 5 years old **All-Day, Year-Round Care**

The Learning Center is **open from 6:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday**, supporting parents' schedules before and after work and school

**168 Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers** participated in Creative Curriculum early education activities

**52 Elementary Students** participated in before/after school & Summer of Excellence programs

**220 Total Children** Taught in accredited, modern, kid-friendly, and family-oriented facilities

**2,877 Children Educated** since 2000

**61,034 Healthy Meals** Healthy Meals served family-style and snacks averaging **112 Children** every day

**90% of processed food eliminated** from monthly menu

**60 Minutes of Daily Fitness Activity**

Expanding early learning - including high-quality preschool - provides society with a **Return on Investment of Up To \$17.00 for Every \$1.00 Spent!\***

\*Economic Impacts of Early Care and Education in California by Jennifer MacGillvary and Laurel Lucia, August 2011.

[http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/pdf/2011/child\\_care\\_report0811.pdf](http://laborcenter.berkeley.edu/pdf/2011/child_care_report0811.pdf), accessed Oct.30, 2018.



Valerie with daughters Jayda and Jazmine all grown up!

## A note from Valerie, a JRC Learning Center parent:

“I have two daughters who spent a great deal of their lives at JRC. Jazmine, my oldest, went to the JRC daycare from 4 years to 12 years while my youngest Jayda was there from 7 weeks to 12 years. JRC was not only a childcare provider for my daughters, but they were like a family who has helped raise them. When my job changed my hours, the daycare opened up early which allowed me to continue to work. Also when my daycare fees went up, they offered me a scholarship that allowed me to keep them in daycare. Today Jazmine is 27 and a Registered Nurse. Jayda is 18 and has attended Timken early college. I think that JRC has helped with my daughters success because they have great teachers who helped instill education values in them. I will always be grateful to JRC.”

## From JRC Learning Center Director, Kellie Davis:

“I was returning to the front desk from the back of the building and noticed two faces looking at me. At first I didn't recognize them until one of the young men smiled. The two (Isaiah and Petrez) had gone through our learning center program. The one had started as a toddler and the other as a preschooler. They were buddies in preschool and are now Seniors in High School and still best friends. They both were working through the summer months and wanted to stop and see the JRC staff that had cared for them throughout the years. They both gave me big hugs and shared memories of the past.”

*Isaiah and Petrez come back to see us occasionally because of the relationship that we were able to build with them.*





## JRC Adult Day Center

JRC Adult Day Center has offered adult day services to older adults since 1980.

JRC Adult Day Center provides competent and compassionate care in a supervised setting that enables seniors to continue to live safely in their own community for as long as possible. The focus of JRC is respect for each person's individuality, talents and specific needs in a dignified setting that allows participants freedom, choice and support. Adults engage in meaningful activities during daytime hours that enable them to remain in their homes. Equally important objectives are respite for caregivers and access to beneficial services.

JRC Adult Day Center provides the following core services: assessment and care planning, assistance with activities

of daily living, health-related services, social services, therapeutic activities, and nutrition and meals. All clients require assistance with activities of daily living that may include personal care or hygiene, assistance with eating or mobility, supervision, socialization and/or medical and nutritional oversight.

Adults may need a variety of levels of support as a result of physical limitation or developmental disabilities associated with dementia, depression, diabetes, high blood pressure, arthritis, visual or hearing impairments, stroke, etc.

All of these needs are addressed at the JRC Adult Day Center in an inviting and comfortable facility where senior citizens feel engaged and welcome.



Life can still be fun and active, even after suffering a stroke and living with the results.

JRC Adult Day member, Virginia came to the adult day center after suffering from a stroke and losing partial use of one side of her body especially her hand.

She began slowly trying out daily activities at the Center. She was having so much fun making friends and enjoying her time at the adult day center, that she decided to add weekly water aerobics to her list. So off she went to the Meyers Lake YMCA every Tuesday on the JRC field trip. After going there for some time, she noticed one Tuesday that her hand is very mobile in the water. She realized that this activity is of great help in getting her strength back in her hand. It's therapy without even realizing it.

Now look at her go...field trips, bowling, crafts, etc. - you name it - she tries it!

The JRC Adult Day Center has changed the lives of so many senior members that it is becoming contagious as they talk each other into more activities, field trips and adventures. The remodeled Adult Day Center will be able to offer more seniors these experiences and activities - doubling the number currently served.



**TOP:** Virginia (bottom right) and friends after water aerobics at the Y!

**BOTTOM L:** Virginia is bowling on her own - not even using a bracket!

**BOTTOM R:** Virginia so stylish in her hat on a lunch field trip.

# BY THE NUMBERS

**105 Seniors** Combined for an attendance of **7,495 Days Participation** in the JRC Adult Day Program

**11,467 Healthy Meals** Prepared and Served, Accommodating Each Adult's Individual Medical and Nutritional Needs

# ACTIVITIES & BENEFITS

6:1 Members:Staff

Peace of Mind and Respite for Family and Caregivers

Computer Technology, Video Games & Skype

Engaging Activities

Games, Cards, Arts & Crafts

Breakfast, Lunch, & Snacks in the JRC Bistro

Library

Raised-Bed Gardening

Inter-generational Connections Program

Bible Study

Courtyard

Cooking Classes

Field Trips to Bowling, Fishing, Lunch, Museums, Amish Country and more!

Chair Aerobics & Exercise

# Home Repair

The JRC Home Repair Program continued to provide minor home repairs to primarily elderly and/or disabled people in our community. While scaling back this program over the past few years due to the acquisition of the JRC Meyers Lake Campus, JRC still meets the mission of helping individuals and families to safely remain in their own home as long as possible.

# Mahoning Road Project

The Mahoning Road Corridor Project is scheduled to have final paving completed by June 2020. Much work took place in 2019 to achieve the desired look for this road. Under-grounding of utilities and roundabouts gave a fresh look to this road which became part of a larger project to have a beautiful passage from the eastern city limits of Canton all the way to the western edges of the city. Almost two decades of vision casting, planning, and construction will lead to a completed project in 2020. JRC has been a partner and leader in the project since Day 1.



In-progress roundabout construction



Completed roundabout construction

# Collaborations

Canton Parks & Recreation Department  
Canton City Schools  
(Preschool partner and Early College Academy internships)  
City of Canton  
Citizens Bank  
Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health  
Child Care Connection  
Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC)  
First Tee  
Huntington Bank  
Stark County District Library  
(Main & Madge Youtz Branches)  
PNC Bank  
Nationwide Insurance  
Ohio State Park Naturalist  
OSU Extension  
Prevent Blindness Ohio  
Project Rebuild  
Canton Harbor High School  
SPARK  
StarkFresh

United Way of Greater Stark County  
UPS  
Better Business Bureau  
(JRC is an Accredited Charity)  
Canton YWCA  
Stark County YMCA  
Ohio Child and Adult Food Program  
Mercy Medical Center  
Mercy Medical at St. Paul's Square  
Shared Blessings  
Stark County Medical Auxiliary  
Ohio Department of Job and Family Services  
Stark Co. Department of Job & Family Services  
THRIVE  
Resiliency  
Stark County Education Service Center  
CARE Team  
Stark Educational Partnership, Inc.  
Stark County Community Action Agency  
(Head Start)  
Early Childhood Taskforce  
Help Me Grow

The Artful Living Program  
Canton City Health Department  
OWL: Observe, Wonder, Lead  
Mighty Wind Christian Outreach  
CAST (Caring and Serving Together)  
Canton City Health Department  
Stark County Health Department  
Timken  
Fresh Mark  
Fresh Mark Employees Civic Fund  
Faith Family Church  
JRC Women in History Committee  
Master Gardeners  
Canton Township Fire Department  
Van Nostren Young Insurance  
Whitacre Greer Company Marathon  
Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company  
Hendrickson  
Stark Parks  
and more...

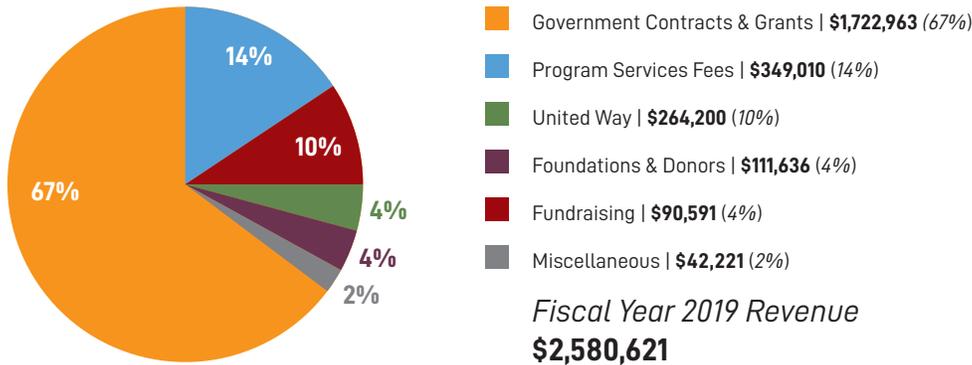


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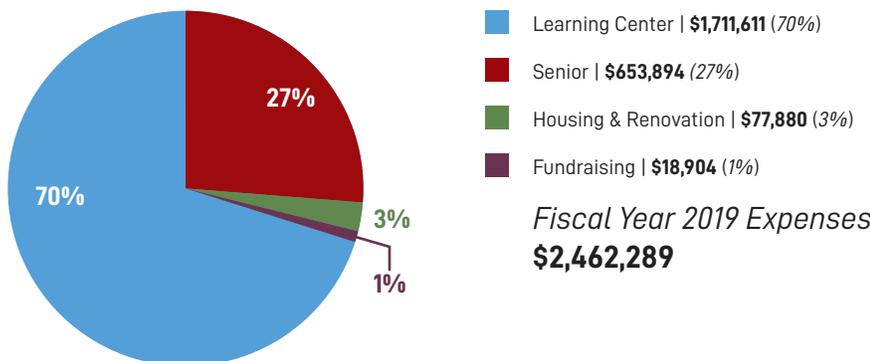
The figures represent the combined and audited financial statements of JRC Family, Senior and Renovation divisions. The IRS Form 990 for each corporation and the entire financial audit for the 2018 fiscal year are available online at [www.JRCcares.org](http://www.JRCcares.org)

**Total Administrative Expenses.....\$433,156**  
**Total Net Assets.....\$4,133,178**

## Fiscal Year 2019 Revenue



## Fiscal Year 2019 Expenses



**Mission Statement:**  
Educating Children  
Engaging Seniors  
Strengthening Community



*The **vision of JRC** is to inspire and empower children, seniors and families to achieve their fullest potential every day.*



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