A Glance Back...

...A Look Forward
A GLANCE BACK as JRC began with the story of a priest, John Robert Coleman with a vision in the community to make a difference in the future of the lives of children and seniors while setting an example for JRC to follow.

A LOOK FORWARD as we see the future of JRC carrying on the J.R. Coleman tradition of serving many more children and seniors in the community through the completion of the new Myrna A. Pastore JRC Campus.

A GLANCE BACK to the JRC Learning Center providing early education and care to primary low-to-middle income children in the community ages 6 weeks to 12 years of age since 1980.

A LOOK FORWARD to the addition of a second JRC Learning Center offering to the community an additional 140 children annually the opportunity of early education in their formative years.

A GLANCE BACK to the JRC Adult Day Center providing daily activities, meals and socialization for 30+ seniors daily in the community since 1980.

A LOOK FORWARD to the expansion of the JRC Adult Day Center to offer 60+ seniors the activities, doubling the availability of seniors that can attend JRC from our community.

A GLANCE BACK to the JRC Intergenerational Connection Program at JRC combining both the children and seniors weekly with special programming connecting both generations in Stark County.

A LOOK FORWARD to expanding the JRC Intergenerational Connections Program to include the new JRC Learning Center’s children in a shared site with the seniors of the JRC Adult Day Center. JRC will be offering programming to both generations coming together from our community in this shared site several days a week.

JRC’s commitment to the Stark County Community now and into the future!

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.
As the JRC Board of Directors and staff faced the challenges of completing construction of the new Myrna A. Pastore JRC Campus, a capital campaign effort, COVID-19 challenges, and mandated closures, “flexibility” and “adaptability” were the only means to provide early education and adult day services to children, seniors and families in our community. “Business as usual” was not an option. The JRC family adapted to whatever curve balls were thrown our way, and continued to provide quality services throughout the year.

The JRC team took on each challenge and overcame the obstacles. When asked if it was the correct business decision to continue construction of the new campus, maintain staffing at pre-pandemic levels, and open a second early education center during a pandemic, JRC stated it was even more imperative to forge ahead than in the past, as the need for those we serve was even greater than in past years.

The JRC staff worked throughout the pandemic, taking all necessary safety precautions, and were successful. They were true heroes. The JRC Board of Directors supported JRC staff every step of the way, enabling JRC to be in a good strategic position, as the pandemic comes to an end. The community continued to support JRC as they saw the need for children to continue their early education, and seniors to thrive when faced with changes in their lifestyle.

One thing we have all learned during the pandemic is that “flexibility” and “adaptability” will be necessary steps which will lead to successful outcomes in JRC’s future. The stories and pictures throughout this Annual Report shows only a portion of what was accomplished over the past year. However, the stories and pictures yet to be created, as JRC doubles the number of children and seniors served along with opening a second early education center, will make a positive difference in even more lives.

Sincerely,

Executive Director Tom Thompson &
JRC Board President Chris Kaboth
Since 1980, the JRC Learning Center has offered the Stark County Community quality early education for primarily low to middle income children from age 6 weeks to 12 years. The learning center has encouraged families to stay employed and/or continue their education with their children safely in the arms of JRC while investing in their children’s early development. This will enable a child’s and a family’s progress toward economic stability and self-sufficiency in our community.

The Center was forced to close during the COVID-19 pandemic. The JRC Learning Center continued to provide services to Early Head Start children through virtual visits, and with activity packets, diapers and snacks which were either picked up or sent to their homes. The center reopened on June 1st taking great care and detail to incorporate smaller ratios, utilizing personal protective equipment such as masks and instilling extra cleaning procedures to minimize the risk of spreading the virus.

The JRC Learning Center is open weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. JRC Learning Center is a 5 Star Center in Stark County Step up to quality rated agency for early childhood ages 6 weeks to 12 years of age... Of the 117 licensed centers in Stark County, Ohio, JRC is one of only seven with a 5 Star rating. This has been a stated goal of JRC for many years.

JRC has educated 3,101 children since 2000.

JRC Learning Center

Learning Center Pandemic Stories

Going Above and Beyond & Making It Up as We Go!

JRC Learning Center has been busy during COVID-19 Pandemic with the teachers traveling to their students homes delivering “Learning Bags” to communicate with them while teaching them special activities to complete in their packets.

Miss Victoria said “It was all good. Everyone was grateful we came and the ones we did not get to see we left their “Learning Bags” at their doors. Ian’s mom was happy to see us and also Isaiah’s mom was pleasantly surprised we made the trip. Mi’ Jai’s mom let us know that Malyck is now in first grade. Kaiden’s dad was so glad he was able to talk to us because he wanted advice on how to teach Kaiden and if I could send him resources. Some of the kids had to run out and hug us... Jayden made us cry and Kaiden almost started to cry.” The emotional attachment with JRC teachers and students is so special and heartfelt.

As the preschool teachers taped their “Flat Teacher” to the bus door, so that all of the preschool teachers could go on the trip to visit their students (even though not all of the preschool teachers could actually physically go.) The Flat Teachers pictured are Ms. Courtney, Ms Victoria, Ms. Angel, Ms. Amiesha, Ms. Alyssa and Ms. Kaylee. What a way to have the teachers at JRC all travel to students during the pandemic!

Ms. Kittie and Ms. Alexis planned many fun activities for the children in the morning like cutting superhero masks, making fruit-loop necklaces, exploring playdoh and slim, mini bowling painting, sticker/ stamp pad art, and enjoying the amazing water table on the JRC EHS playground. They have been contacting parents weekly for their needs and have explained the “Learning Bags.”

JRC Learning Center goes above and beyond for their students even during a pandemic!
The JRC Learning Center reopened the doors of the center on June 1, 2020. This was such a wonderful day as we reunited our children and teachers in person. We realized on that day how important the relationships between the children and each other has been affecting them through this pandemic.

The first day back a little boy named Mark came into the center and upon walking in the front door asked where Curtis was? His teacher Angel, crushed his world when she told him he was moved to another room (social distancing). Mark said “man I need to talk to him!”

So JRC teachers jumped into action and figured out a way to make it happen. They created a video chat which allowed the children to connect. They did a FaceTime call with them on their phones. They talked for about 15 minutes. When it was time to go they both said “I love you man.” It was so cute and emotional for everyone involved. When the chat ended, Curtis responded “I love him and miss him and he is my favorite brother because they became brothers.”

“What a bond these two have from completely different worlds” stated the teachers. “They do not see color - just a friend they really missed!”

With the children at home during the pandemic, JRC Learning Center teachers set off one day on the JRC Bus to each preschooler’s house. They went to Massillon, North Canton, to Canton and to Robertsville as well as Minerva and everywhere JRC preschoolers lived, in-between!

The teachers answered parents’ questions with how to teach their children and offered encouragement. They created activity bags for the parents to pick up. Sometimes they mailed the bags to them or delivered them personally to their homes. Parents had the capability to download the lessons on their own computers and print them for home use. The teachers worked to reach their students in whatever way they could.

The teachers worked different hours at JRC Learning Center in their efforts to contact children and their families. They rarely saw one another and needed a way to bond! One day they joked and said they were SUPERHERO TEACHERS and found time to get together and make a short movie of being SUPERHERO TEACHERS to their students. Watch the movie at youtube.com/watch?v=vAKMAzZ3OuA or by using the QR code below!

When the JRC preschoolers came back to their classrooms and are using their creativity to mimic their teachers. Now they are the SUPERHERO PRESCHOOLERS of JRC!
Since 2017, the JRC Intergenerational Connections Program has been bringing our community of seniors and children together weekly for exceptional programming. The seniors and the adults enjoy interactive yoga, storytelling, water-color painting, art, music, drama, and dancing. The cherished moments and the relationships developed have made such an impact on both generations as they learn life-long lessons from each other.

The future of the Intergenerational Connections Program will bring our Stark County Community children together under one shared site. Our newly purchased and remodeled Myra A. Pastore JRC Campus (formerly the Meyers Lake Ballroom) will offer the opportunity for the children and seniors to engage in programming several times weekly.

Unfortunately, with the COVID-19 pandemic, the program was temporarily put on hold and will begin in the near future remotely.
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**Activities & Benefits**

JRC Adult Day Center is open conveniently open weekdays – please call for open hours! JRC provides purposeful activities with a ratio of 1 staff member with 6 seniors.

New Technology – the new iN3L (It’s Never too Late) computer system contains over 4,000 content driven engagement to support social interaction, cognitive and physical exercise, therapy, education reminiscing, memory support and more with touch screen technology – used for both group and individual engagement and experiences. In addition JRC Adult Day Center offers seniors video conference and X-Box activities.

**Adult Day Center Pandemic Stories**

Remodeled JRC Adult Day Center Re-Opens

Senior Members were Excited to Return in Person in October 2020!

JRC Adult Day Center reopened in the Fall of 2020! The center welcomed senior members who could return and adhere to the new COVID-19 protocol. JRC Adult Day Center staff take health and safety seriously. Two large air purifiers were added to the facility, a hand washing station, masks, regular disinfecting and cleaning of surfaces and social distancing were implemented, along with other protocols to help limit the risk of infection. Members jumped back into exercising with chair aerobics, bible study, and new technology, distanced socializing and nutritious meals offered at breakfast, lunch and afternoon snack!

A new Wellness Clinic will service members with the ability for TeleMed capabilities and an exam room for visiting doctors.

Quotes from some of the senior members at JRC upon returning to the center:

- “(I’m very) excited to be back!”
- “(I’m) extremely tired from all the excitement of coming today.”
- “Really good coffee!”
- “The place is so much bigger.”
- “This is great, I missed being here around others!”

Turn to page 16 to see more photos of the newly-renovated JRC Adult Day Center!

**New Adult Day Center Technology by iN2L**

It’s Never Too Late to Experience the “Magic” of New Technology

iN2L (It’s Never Too Late) is working its magic at the JRC Adult Day Center with interactive activities for all the senior members! From exercise games and virtual travel to Bible study, the iN2L Computer is becoming an integral part of the center’s daily activities!

Future plans are to integrate this new technology into the Intergenerational Connections program connecting the senior members and the children of the JRC Learning Center of as a part of their weekly curriculum!
Fashion “On The Go”
Dressing Up at Home for the 9th Annual JRC Fashion Show

JRC Adult Day Center hosts many fun events for its senior members including a yearly Fashion Show, held in the spring, to honor Mother’s Day. Before the pandemic, JRC members were taken to a local resale shop to pick out an outfit of their choice and then with a theme, a makeover (hair and makeup), a runway, an audience of friends, family, staff and volunteers the event becomes a special day for each of them!

Due to the pandemic, JRC had to be creative! We hosted our 9th Annual Fashion Show - “Fashion On The Go!”

Each lady and gentleman put on their Sunday best and we made a day of it! Visiting each of them as usual, but with an extra flair as they modeled their outfit, photos were taken, signs marking the occasion were held and fun moments with laughing and enjoying a special day to get all dressed up for our JRC “Fashion On The Go” event!

Through the pandemic, JRC Adult Day Center continued to provide purposeful and engaging activities. This brought hope for seniors and their caregivers during a time of isolation and uncertainty. The Fashion “On the Go” activity was one more day of helping the seniors and their caregivers in our community.

Gerald didn’t dress up, however his wife, Nita did. She looks forward to our daily stops as it gives her someone to chat with for a few minutes a day. Nita has made our staff different goodies since we started delivering lunches and activities daily. Our staff has noticed a difference in Nita for the better! Caregivers benefit as much sometimes as the senior members!

Mary Jo, Dee and Margie were so excited to dress up that they wanted to pose for a photo without their walkers. Our staff asked them if we were doing a photo shoot and Dee exclaimed “Yes”! They wanted to look their very best!

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The day before our fashion show, Arthur came outside excited telling us that he had already laid out his outfit for the fashion show! Look how handsome and excited he was when the day arrived!

Katie modeled her outfit looking so lovely in her beautiful summer suit. Katie’s daughter stood inside the screen door so she wasn’t in the picture, but was smiling ear-to-ear.

Judy stated “Are we dressing up every day this week?” with a smile on her face.
Community Partnerships

Allay Senior Care of Meyers Lake / Astoria
Amherst Meadows, Massillon
The Artful Living Program
Better Business Bureau
(JRC is an Accredited Charity)
Canton City Health Department
Canton City Schools
(Preschool partner and Early College Academy internships)
Canton Harbor High School
Canton Parks & Recreation Department
Canton Township Fire Department
Canton YWCA
CARE Team
CAST (Caring and Serving Together)
Child & Adolescent Behavioral Health
Child Care Connection
Citizens Bank
City of Canton
Crossroads Hospice, Green
Daughters of the American Revolution
Direction Home Ohio Department of Aging
Divine Healthcare Center, Canton
Early Childhood Resource Center (ECRC)
Early Childhood Taskforce
Faith Family Church
First Tee
Fresh Market
Fresh Mark Employees Civic Fund
Hanover House, Massillon
Help Me Grow
Hendrickson
Huntington Bank
IGNITE GROUP - St. Joan of Arc & St. Joseph, Massillon
Indian River Horticulture
JRC Women in History Committee
The Legends Healthcare Center, Canton
Marathon
Master Gardeners
Mercy Medical Center
Mercy Medical at St. Paul’s Square
Mighty Wind Christian Outreach
Miller Weldmaster
Ohio Child and Adult Food Program
Ohio Department of Job & Family Services
Ohio State Park Naturalist
OSU Extension
OWL: Observe, Wonder, Lead
The Pines Healthcare Center, Canton
PNC Bank
Prevent Blindness Ohio
Project Rebuild
Residency
SPARK
Stark County Aqua Life Enthusiasts Society
Stark County Community Action Agency (Head Start)
Stark County Department of Job & Family Services
Stark County District Library
(Main & Madge Youts Branches)
Stark County Education Service Center
Stark County Health Department
Stark County Medical Auxiliary
Stark County YWCA
Stark Educational Partnership, Inc.
Stark Parks
StarkFresh
THRIVE
Timken
United Way of Greater Stark County
United Way Day of Caring
UPS
Van Nostren Young Insurance
and more...
For many years, the JRC Home Repair Program has provided older senior adults and/or disabled adults in the Stark County Community a minor repair service for their homes. From grab bars to railings to simple fixes, many senior adults have benefited from this service to complete home repairs at no cost to them. Through grants to cover these repairs, JRC has made it possible for these community residents to safely remain in their homes as long as possible. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the JRC Home Repair Service was on hold, only working on outdoor repairs when the weather cooperated. Indoor repairs will be added to the schedule when safe for both the home owner and the repairman.

Audited Financials

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 are available online at www.JRCcares.org

Fiscal Year 2020 Revenue

- Government Contracts & Grants | $1,589,319 (53%)
- Capital Campaign | $732,057 (24%)
- Program Services Fees | $284,124 (9%)
- United Way | $276,145 (9%)
- Foundations & Donors | $60,011 (2%)
- Fundraising | $51,228 (2%)
- Miscellaneous | $38,888 (1%)

Fiscal Year 2020 Revenue
$3,011,572

Fiscal Year 2020 Expenses

- Learning Center | $1,673,130 (67%)
- Senior | $654,116 (26%)
- Capital Campaign | $100,279 (4%)
- Housing & Renovation | $82,276 (3%)
- Fundraising | $1,299 (<1%)

Fiscal Year 2020 Expenses
$2,511,100

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

JRC Home Repair

For over two decades, JRC has been a partner and a leader in the Mahoning Road Corridor Project in the Stark County Community. The project’s goal was to have a beautiful new look to the eastern city limits of Canton while connecting to the already completed project on the western city limits and JRC was proud to help make this happen. In June of 2020, JRC and the Stark County Community had something to celebrate as this new completed look with under-ground utilities, new sidewalks, street lights, seating and new landscaped roundabouts made this project something to be proud of!