



2016-17 Annual Report
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At Kids Can Community Center, our mission is to educate, engage, and inspire children through early childhood care and out-of-school experiences.



From the CEO

Dear Friends,

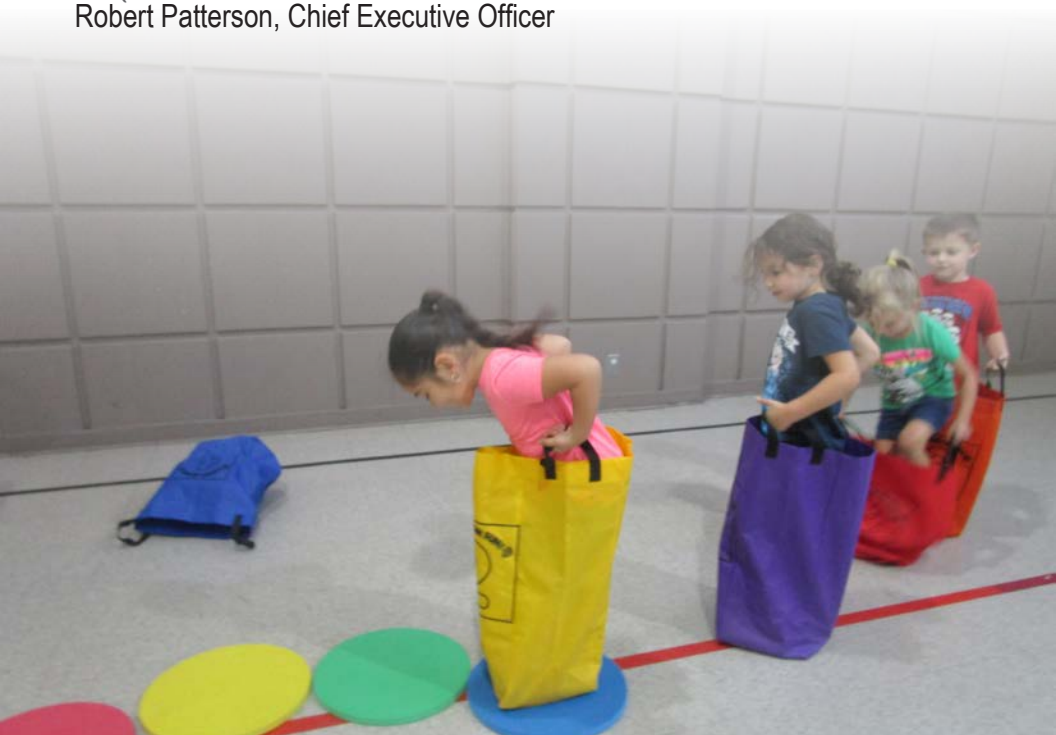
It has been another year of tremendous growth for Kids Can Community Center. As we have reached capacity at our center, we continue to expand our school-based sites and now operate after school programs at four elementary schools in addition to our home on Q Street.

As you know, the biggest challenge for many of our families is access to consistent high-quality childcare, early childhood education, and out of school experiences. Our goal at Kids Can is to give families the peace of mind to know they no longer have to choose between basic needs and stable childcare. Kids Can kids attend safe, high-quality programs that build social, emotional and cognitive skills.

Without your support, we wouldn't be able to achieve our mission to educate, engage, and inspire children in our community. You will see the outcomes of our efforts in this annual report, but I encourage each of you to see it firsthand. Consider this a personal invitation to visit Kids Can and see programs in action.



Robert Patterson, Chief Executive Officer



Early Childhood Education

Kids Can serves children ages 18-months to 5-years old in our Early Childhood Education program.

In existence over 75 years, our state-licensed program utilizes Creative Curriculum and Handwriting Without Tears as the core teaching components. The program also participates in Step Up To Quality, an initiative by the Nebraska Department of Education and Health & Human Services.

Our goal is for every student to be academically, socially, emotionally, and physically prepared to enter Kindergarten. Using research based curriculum and learning-through-play, we strive for all kids to reach their potential.

In 2016-17, 91 children attended our Early Childhood Education programs. Open every weekday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Kids Can utilizes three age-appropriate classrooms for Toddlers, Pre-schoolers, and Pre-Kindergarteners.

Last year 83% of students achieved mastery in Mathematics, 99% of students achieved mastery in Fine and Gross Motor skills, and 100% of students achieved mastery in Writing skills.



Out Of School Experiences

Kids Can serves children ages 5 to 13-years old in our Out Of School programs. Our center site offers the widest variety of programs including before and after school with transportation provided to nearby schools, full day programming when school is closed for holidays/in-service days, and an uninterrupted summer program.

We partner with schools to provide on-site after school programs at Gilder, Miller Park, Wakonda, and Nelson Mandela Elementary Schools.

Our goal is for every student to improve their social skills; demonstrate curiosity and future focus; develop positive behaviors; and engage in STEMsmart activities.

STEMsmart (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, Strength, Music, Art, Reading, Tutoring) is a curriculum that incorporates enrichment, academic, nutrition, physical activity and essential 21st Century Learning Skills.

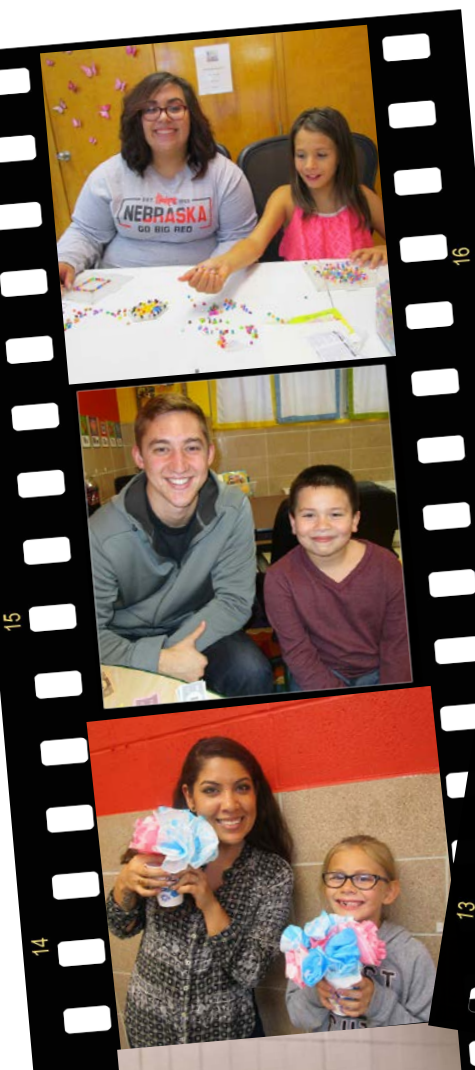
In 2016-17, 836 children attended our Out Of School programs. 81% of students exhibited positive or improved behaviors, 98% of students indicated interest in STEMsmart learning and careers, and 81% reported increased self-confidence.



Mentoring at Kids Can

Kids Can mentors are dedicated volunteers who provide guidance, support, and encouragement. Our mentors come from all walks of life from college students to retired persons. All mentors receive training and ongoing support from Kids Can. The program is accredited through Midlands Mentoring Partnership.

Each mentor provides a caring, stable influence in a kid's life for one year. If you are interested in donating one hour each week to mentor, contact us to learn more!



Community & Neighborhood

Neighborhood Night Out is held the first Tuesday in August, with games, snacks, giveaways and much more. Children look forward to receiving their first school supplies in a Kids Can backpack! We love this celebration to end the summer and look forward to the coming school year.

With the assistance of AARP and a host of other volunteers, we offer free tax assistance on-site at the center. Each year, hundreds of individuals and families are able to benefit from this important service.

Adopt-A-Family is always a favorite way for our supporters to get involved with Kids Can. If you are interested in adopting a family during the holidays, contact us and we will match you with a family in need.

Kids Can doesn't stop on nights or weekends! You will find our gym and field are constantly in use by our neighbors for special celebrations, sports leagues, and community events.



Can Do Luncheon

The Can Do Luncheon was held on May 23, 2017, at the CenturyLink Center. Sunil Khandbahale eloquently spoke about breaking down barriers by combining education and technology to provide access to those who need it most.



Having a Can Do attitude makes things happen, breaks down barriers, and finds resolutions to issues facing our community. We honor those individuals and organizations every year with our Can Do Awards.



The Can Do Future Award, sponsored by Wells Fargo, honored Heartland Family Service, who provides hope to families by ensuring their safety, education and basic needs are met.

The Can Do Hope Award, sponsored by Gallup, honored Dr. Samuel J. Meisels, founding executive director of the Buffett Early Childhood Institute. He is a true champion for our children.



The Can Do Junior Award, sponsored by Bellevue University, honored ZaKye Parrott. He has been attending our programs since he was in preschool. As he graduates from Kids Can, he has grown into a responsible young man, a model not only to his siblings, but to his friends and peers.

Kids Can by the Numbers

Last year, we served over 900 children through our Early Childhood and Out Of School programs. You can learn more about the demographics of our participants below:



Age:	
18-months to 4-years old	11%
5-years old to 13-years old	89%

Ethnicity/Race:	
African American	40%
Hispanic/Latino	22%
Caucasian	22%
Multiracial	12%
Native American	2%
Asian	2%

Annual Household Income:	
Under \$20,000	45%
\$20,000 to \$49,999	43%
Over \$45,000	12%

Subsidy/Private Pay Status	
State-Subsidies/Title XX	45%
Discounted/Scholarship	39%
Full-Pay	16%



Free/Reduced/Paid Meal Status:	
Free or Reduced	88%
Paid Meal	12%

Kids Can offers breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Last year, we served 40,037 meals to children at our Center site alone!

Kids Can Financial Statements

Kids Can Community Center's 2016-17 audit was conducted by Hancock & Dana, P.C. The full audit and Form 990 are available upon request.



Statement of Activities 2016-17

Revenue:	
Earned Revenue/Program Fees	812,729
Foundation Support	374,261
United Way of the Midlands	228,578
Special Events & Contributions	64,037
In Kind Support	14,727
Investment Income/Misc	2,129
Revenue Total	\$1,496,461

Expense:	
Salaries/Benefits/Payroll Taxes	916,809
Assistance to Individuals	82,504
Program Activities & Supplies	213,140
Occupancy	102,118
Professional Fees	74,856
Communications	27,577
Professional Development/Travel	23,326
Bad Debt	1,112
Depreciation	44,514
Expense Total	\$1,485,956

Statement of Financial Position 2016-17

Assets:	
Cash	315,866
Investments	146,273
Accounts Receivable	38,376
Prepaid Expenses	11,559
Land	180,331
Buildings	738,786
Vehicles	133,517
Furniture & Equipment	67,741
Less accumulated depreciation	(690,667)
Assets Total	\$941,782

Liabilities & Net Assets:	
Accounts Payable	25,661
Accrued Payroll & Taxes	68,415
Other Liabilities	17,912
Unrestricted Assets	818,294
Restricted Assets	11,500
Liabilities/Net Assets Total	\$941,782



You Can Make A Difference

We invite you to like us, follow us, invite others to join us and please share our stories. You can help others in our community learn about all we do on a daily basis to educate, engage and inspire children.

Volunteer: Whether you make a commitment for a full year to be a mentor or choose to read a story to our preschoolers, we couldn't do all we do without your time and talent. We need volunteers like you in all of our programs!

Donate: Because of you, Kids Can is able to help many children in our community. Your donations help fund scholarships, programs, and operations at all of our sites. We appreciate all that you do for us and we know we can count on you to help us continue to help so many children and families in our community.

Shopping: You can make a difference even when you're shopping. We have a variety of easy-to-give programs such as AmazonSmile, Baker's Plus, and TAGG. You can find out more about all these programs at www.KidsCanOmaha.org.



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