



Kids Can Community Center



2017-18 Annual Report



Celebrating 110 years of service!



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

It's hard to believe Kids Can Community Center is celebrating its 110th anniversary this year. Many of you may remember us as Social Settlement Association, established in 1908. We re-branded to Kids Can Community Center in 2009 to better reflect our mission and vision for the future.

During our first century, we had a strong emphasis on children and families. We continue this focus on programs that educate, engage and inspire children. We currently operate out of our center site at 49th and Q Streets and four schools in North and South Omaha. This year we added a second summer program at Miller Park to serve children who would otherwise have no supportive learning environment during the long school break.

As we celebrate our 110th anniversary, we want to hear your story. Please share your memories, anecdotes, and pictures of your time at Social Settlement or Kids Can.

Together, we can make a difference for every child in our community.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Patterson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

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 for over 75 years, our state-licensed program utilizes Creative Curriculum and Handwriting Without Tears as the core teaching components.

We are an active participant in Step Up To Quality, a program through the Nebraska Department of Education and Health & Human Services that helps families identify early childhood providers who demonstrate a commitment to quality care. Kids Can was awarded a Level 4 status by exceeding quality standards. Just a few points shy from the top level, we are proud to be one of only five centers in Omaha at Level 4 or above.

In 2017-18, 70 children attended our early childhood programs, open every weekday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Using research based curriculum and learning-through-play, we strive for all children to reach their potential.

Last year, 100% of our students were socially and emotionally ready, 98% were physically ready, and 98% were academically ready for kindergarten.



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.

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.

Last year, of the 881 children attending our Out Of School programs, 81% reported a positive correlation to the growth mindset, 100% indicated an interest in STEMsmart learning and careers, and 82% reported development of a positive adult relationship.



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 child'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 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 April 18th at the Marriott Downtown at the Capitol District. Maryum Ali was our keynote speaker, sharing her life story and energizing the audience with her talk about what we all 'can do' to make our community a better place for our children.



A Can Do attitude makes things happen, breaks down barriers, and finds resolution to issues facing our community. We are happy to present this year's changemakers, the Can Do Award recipients.



The Can Do Future Award, sponsored by Wells Fargo, honored the Youth Education & Leadership Program at Urban League, creating brighter futures for under-served youth.

The Can Do Hope Award, sponsored by Gallup, honored Ivan Gilreath, President & CEO of Boys & Girls Club of the Midlands. Ivan and his organization inspire and enable young people in our community.



The Can Do Junior Award, sponsored by Bellevue University, honored Olivia Wallace. She is a leader at Kids Can and can often be found guiding a group of younger students.



The Can Do Mentor Award, sponsored by First National Bank of Omaha, honored Amanda Clark. Amanda is a mentor at Kids Can where she helps her mentee set and attain goals.



Kids Can by the Numbers

Last year, we served over 950 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 5-years old		10%
6-years old to 13-years old		90%

Ethnicity/Race:		
African American		45%
Caucasian		21%
Hispanic/Latino		20%
Multiracial		10%
Native American		3%
Asian		1%

Annual Household Income:	
Under \$20,000	44%
\$20,000 to \$49,999	42%
Over \$45,000	14%



Subsidy/Private Pay Status	
State-Subsidies/Title XX	43%
Discounted/Scholarship	42%
Full-Pay	15%



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

Kids Can offers breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Last year, we served 41,437 meals to children at our Center site alone!

Kids Can Financial Statements

Kids Can Community Center's 2017-18 audit was conducted by Hancock & Dana, P.C. The full audit and Form 990 are available upon request.



Statement of Activities 2017-18

Income:

Earned Revenue	1,314,213
Foundation Support	820,500
United Way of the Midlands	231,004
Fundraising & Contributions	117,017
In Kind Support	16,320
Investment Income	1,531
Gain/Loss of Asset	-2,156
Income Total	\$2,498,429

Expense:

Salaries/Benefits/Payroll Taxes	1,471,352
Program Activities & Supplies	330,698
Occupancy	184,219
Assistance to Individuals	116,247
Professional Fees	38,581
Depreciation	35,820
Professional Development	23,803
Bad Debt	172
Expense Total	\$2,200,892

Statement of Financial Position 2017-18

Assets:

Cash	699,708
Accounts Receivable	157,132
Investments	148,994
Prepaid Expenses	11,179
Land & Building	824,664
Vehicles	153,816
Furniture & Equipment	20,864
Construction in progress	35,202
Less accumulated depreciation	-603,795
Assets Total	\$1,447,764

Liabilities & Net Assets:

Accounts Payable	65,348
Accrued Payroll & Taxes	119,918
Other Liabilities	16,894
Unrestricted Assets	1,095,434
Restricted Assets	150,170
Liabilities/Net Assets Total	\$1,447,764



2017-18 Board of Directors

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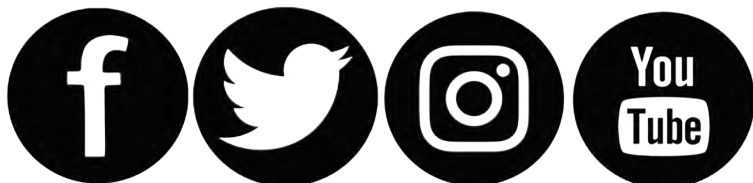
We invite you to like us, follow us, invite others to join us and please share our stories. You can help others in our community learn about all we do on a daily basis to educate, engage and inspire children.

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 accomplish our goals 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, materials, programs, and operations at all of our sites.

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.

Follow Us: We invite you to see 'Kids Can in action' by following us on our social media channels. Simply use *@KidsCanOmaha* on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube to see the impact your investment makes every day.



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