



Kids Can Community Center Annual Report 2018-19

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

Welcome, friends and colleagues, to this year's annual report. It has been an exciting year at Kids Can Community Center.

Last year, we observed our 110th year as an organization. Founded as Social Settlement in 1908 and rebranding to Kids Can in 2009, the focus on children and families was always a common thread throughout our history. In fact, the first summer camp, first preschool, and first after-school program were all established in the first decade of existence.

I celebrated my 20th anniversary at Kids Can. I began as a Program Director in December 1998 before being promoted to Assistant Executive Director, then CEO in October 2010. I am proud to be part of the team that strives to educate, engage, and inspire children every day.

Thank you for your support of our kids. 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.

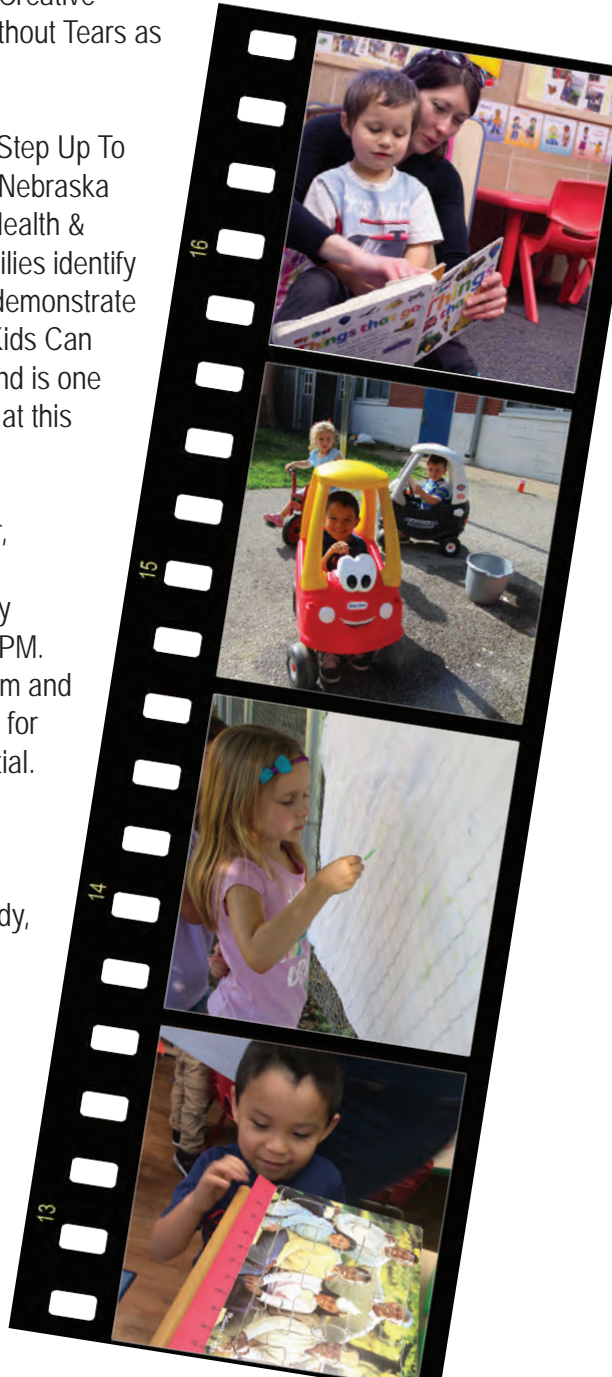
We are an active participant in Step Up To Quality, a program through the Nebraska Department of Education and Health & Human Services that helps families identify early childhood providers who demonstrate a commitment to quality care. Kids Can was awarded a Step 5 status and is one of only three centers in Omaha at this highest achievable level.

During the 2018-19 school year, 84 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, 87% of our students were socially and emotionally ready, 89% were physically ready, and 85% were academically ready for Kindergarten.

**Step Up to
Quality**
Level 5 Center

Nebraska Department of Education &
Health & Human Services



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 and full-day programming when school is closed for holidays/in-service days.

We also provide a full-day summer program at our center in South Omaha and Miller Park in North Omaha.

Kids Can partners with Collective For Youth, schools, and foundations 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 our STEMsmart Academy (science, technology, engineering, mathematics, strength, music, art, reading, tutoring).

Last year, of the 1,161 children attending our Out Of School programs, 86% reported a positive correlation to a growth mindset, 100% indicated an interest in STEMsmart learning and careers, and 81% 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 MENTOR Nebraska.

Each mentor provides a caring, stable influence in a child's life for a minimum of 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 celebrating the end of 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 spring, hundreds of individuals and families benefit from this important service.

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 Capitol District. Dr. Cheryl Logan was our keynote speaker, sharing her story and motivations to make our community a better place for our children.



The Can Do Future Award, sponsored by Wells Fargo, honored the St. Luke Teen Center for helping teens discover their potential while working toward self sufficiency.

The Can Do Hope Award, sponsored by Gallup, honored Dr. Christine Cutucache, who founded Nebraska STEM4U at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.



The Can Do Junior Award, sponsored by Bellevue University, honored DeAngelo Grant, who has attended Kids Can since he was three years old.

The Can Do Mentor Award, sponsored by Union Pacific, honored Patrick Dougherty, who has been mentoring at Kids Can since 2016.



Our new Can Do Provider Award, sponsored by Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative, honored Alexis Varoz-Norval, who is passionate about providing high quality care for young children.

Kids Can by the Numbers

Last year, we served 1,245 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	8%
6-years old to 13-years old	92%

Ethnicity/Race:

African American	40%
Caucasian	21%
Hispanic/Latino	21%
Multiracial	8%
Asian	5%
Native American	2%
Unreported	3%

Annual Household Income:

Under \$20,000	41%
\$20,000 to \$49,999	39%
Over \$50,000	12%
Unreported	8%

Subsidy/Private Pay Status

State-Subsidies only	43%
Subsidies + Scholarship	14%
Private Pay + Scholarship	35%
Private Pay only	22%



Free/Reduced/Paid Meal Status:

Free or Reduced	85%
Paid Meal	15%

Kids Can offers breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack. Last year, we served 45,782 meals to children at our Center site alone!

Kids Can Financial Statements

Kids Can Community Center's 2018-19 audit was conducted by Hancock & Dana, P.C. The full audit and Form 990 are available upon request.

Statement of Activities 2018-19

Income:

Earned Revenue	1,431,487
Foundation Support	890,000
United Way of the Midlands	193,135
Fundraising & Contributions	133,231
Less cost of direct benefit to donors	(12,434)
In Kind Support	22,040
Investment Income	1,300
Income Total	\$2,658,759

Expense:

Salaries/Benefits/Payroll Taxes	1,687,426
Program Activities & Supplies	381,874
Occupancy	191,294
Assistance to Individuals	128,723
Depreciation	36,014
Professional Development	33,076
Professional Fees	30,905
Bad Debt	848
Expense Total	\$2,490,160

Statement of Financial Position 2018-19

Assets:

Cash	1,014,108
Accounts Receivable	128,983
Investments	110,576
Prepaid Expenses	17,520
Property & Equipment	1,059,246
Accumulated Depreciation	(639,615)
Other assets	4,801
Assets Total	\$1,695,619

Liabilities & Net Assets:

Accounts Payable	81,294
Accrued Payroll & Taxes	140,766
Other Liabilities	59,356
Assets without restrictions	1,261,336
Assets with restrictions	152,867
Liabilities/Net Assets Total	\$1,695,619



2018-19 Board of Directors

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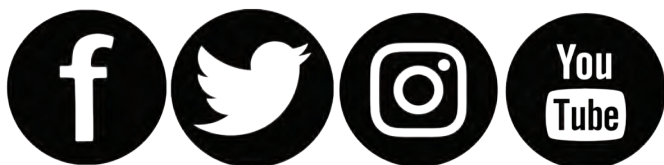
We invite you to like us, follow us, invite others to join us and please share our stories. You can help others in our community learn about all we do on a daily basis to educate, engage and inspire children.

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.

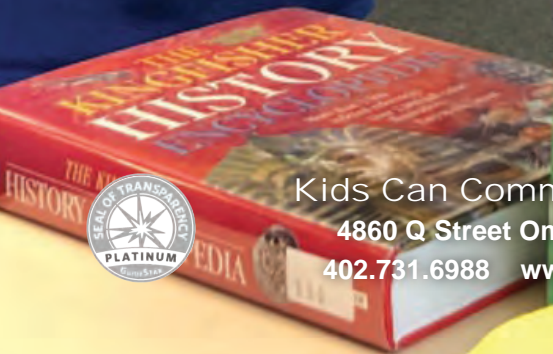
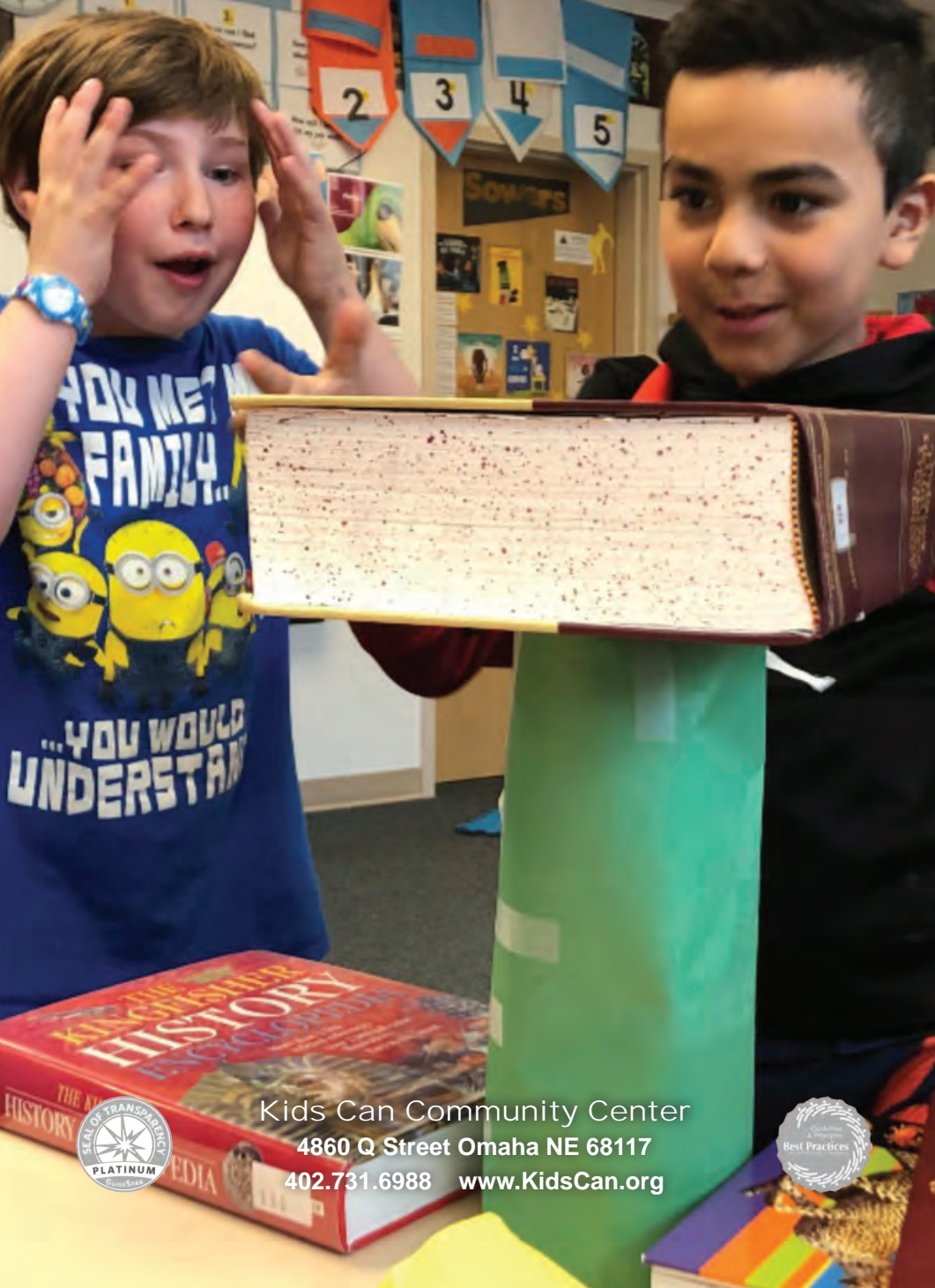
Shopping: You can make a difference even when you're shopping. We have a variety of easy-to-give programs such as AmazonSmile, Baker's Plus, TAGG, and SHARE Omaha. Find more about these programs at www.KidsCan.org.

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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