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**KIDS  
CAN**

COMMUNITY CENTER  
ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

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

What a year! In the past 12-months, Kids Can broke ground on our new community center, received the Nonprofit Association of the Midlands Catalyst Award, added Conestoga Magnet Elementary to our afterschool program sites, and enjoyed our North Omaha Summer Program in the renovated Miller Park Pavilion.

But the best is yet to come. Excitement is building every week as we watch the progress of our new building. If all continues to go well, we should be in there in early 2023.

With all of these great accomplishments, I always reiterate that I'm merely the orchestra conductor here. It is our staff that are making the music, making a difference every day in kids. They are on the front lines creating so many positive impacts for children and their families.

Thank you for being part of that impact and supporting our kids.



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 80 years, our state-licensed program utilizes Creative Curriculum 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.



In the 2021-2022 school year, 67 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, 95% students were socially and emotionally ready for Kindergarten, 90% were physically ready for Kindergarten, and 82% were academically ready for Kindergarten.



# Out Of School Experiences

Kids Can served 999 children 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, plus 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, Minne Lusa, Wakonda, Conestoga Magnet, and Nelson Mandela Elementary. We are excited to announce Benson West as our next location for the 2022-23 school year. 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, 80% reported developing a future focus-growth mindset, 77% reported positive peer relationships, and 79% reported experiencing an adult who cares.

We also provided tutoring services to recover from pandemic school disruptions with 25 teachers leading 1,106 hours of instruction to a total of 325 students at five Omaha Public Schools.





# A Year Of Thanks

Kids Can was honored to have been selected as the charity partners for both Omaha Mom Prom and Mustaches for Kids Omaha.

Special thanks to Scheels for their donation of play items throughout the year and the Wilhelm Mortgage team for donation of gifts during the holidays. We were fortunate to have so many give back to our kids this year including: Tim & Nan Corwin (Corwin Toyota of Bellevue), Debbie Johnson (Charles E. Lakin Foundation), Target Circle, OneWorld Community Health Centers, Physical Therapy teams at Nebraska Medicine's Outpatient Rehab Services, Nebraska Furniture Mart, Oriental Trading Company, Kaleb Duncan Photography, Old Navy Village Pointe, and United Way of the Midlands.



# Breaking Ground For The Future

On August 10, 2021, we officially broke ground on our new building at 48th and Q Streets. The ceremonial “shoveling of the dirt” was an act full of pride, excitement, and... intense heat and humidity!

The new building has been steadily under construction all year and on target to open in early 2023. We can’t thank everyone enough who made this future possible for our organization and can’t wait to welcome even more children, staff, and supporters into our family with this new community center.



# Can Do Awards

The Can Do Awards, presented by American National Bank, took place on May 5, 2022. The event honored eight individuals making a difference in our community:

Can Do Future: **Bob Whitehouse**, sponsored by Wells Fargo.

Can Do Hope: **Portia Cavitt**, sponsored by Gallup

Can Do Growth Mindset: **Rebecca Stavick**, sponsored by Bridges Trust

Can Do Provider: **Ana Yumul**, sponsored by Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative

Can Do Volunteer: **Natalie Mancuso**, sponsored by Union Pacific

Can Do Entrepreneur: **Zoey Sterba**, sponsored by Dundee Bank

Can Do Educator: **Laura Wray**, sponsored by Oxbow Animal Health

Can Do Junior: **Shaun Taylor**, sponsored by Bellevue University





# Kids Can by the Numbers

Last year, we served 1,066 children through our Early Childhood and Out-of-School programs. You can learn more about the demographics of our participants below:



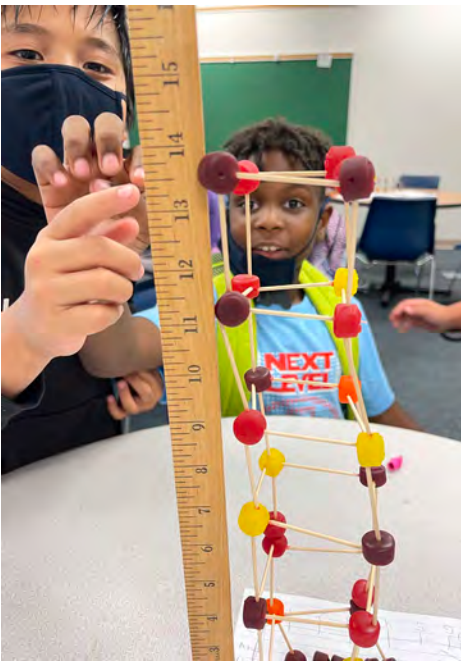
Age:	
18-months to 5-years old	12%
6-years old to 13-years old	88%

Ethnicity/Race:	
Black/African American	52%
Latinx/Hispanic	21%
White/Caucasian	14%
Multiracial	10%
Asian	2%
Native American	1%

Free/Reduced/Paid Meal Status:	
Free or Reduced	91%
Paid Meal	9%

Annual Household Income:	
Under \$30,000	52%
\$30,000 to \$59,999	38%
Over \$60,000	10%

Center Subsidy/Private Pay	
State-Subsidies only	27%
Subsidies + Scholarship	6%
Private Pay + Scholarship	35%
Private Pay only	32%



# Kids Can Financial Statements

Kids Can Community Center’s 2021-22 audit was conducted by Eide Bailly (formerly Seim Johnson). The full audit and Form 990 are available upon request. (Includes funds for current capital campaign.)



## Statement of Activities 2021-22

<b>Support and Revenue:</b>	
Earned Revenue	1,218,407
Foundation Support	3,015,804
Contributions	418,261
Special Events	137,149
Investment Income	26,446
<b>Income Total</b>	<b>\$ 4,816,067</b>
<b>Expense:</b>	
Early Childhood Education	583,270
Out Of School Programs	1,817,433
Community Programs	32,292
Management and General	236,980
Fundraising	138,446
<b>Expense Total</b>	<b>\$2,808,421</b>

## Statement of Financial Position 2021-22

<b>Assets:</b>	
Current Assets	7,946,743
Property & Equipment	7,626,300
Long Term Investment	28,817
Promises to give	185,310
Other assets	3,802
<b>Assets Total</b>	<b>\$15,790,972</b>
<b>Liabilities &amp; Net Assets:</b>	
Current Liabilities	1,646,479
Net Assets w/o restrictions	3,437,290
Net Assets w/ restrictions	10,707,203
<b>Liabilities/Net Assets Total</b>	<b>\$15,790,972</b>



# 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 to mentor for a year 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!

**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.

**Shop:** 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.

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

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