Educate | Engage | Inspire

KIDS CAN
COMMUNITY CENTER

GET IN GEAR
Capital Campaign
It is 1958 and a young boy opens up his birthday presents and realizes he has enough money to go to his favorite place. First chance he gets, he heads to the South Omaha Social Settlement House, pays for an annual membership and spends the rest of the afternoon in the playroom. He never missed an afternoon at his neighborhood center.

Those are the types of stories that come with over a century of serving our community. Founded in 1908 as Social Settlement Association, our programs changed with the times, but always with a focus on children and families. In 1964, we moved into a newly constructed building at 49th and Q, providing a variety of services throughout the decades. The organization was rebranded to Kids Can Community Center in 2009 to better reflect our mission to educate, engage and inspire children through early childhood care and out-of-school experiences.

Now it is time for the next chapter of this organization. I am proud to announce our capital campaign for a brand new building that will double our capacity and improve the quality and depth of our programs.

I ask you to join us and Get In Gear as we build the future for our kids and the many generations to come!

Robert Patterson
Chief Executive Officer
Kids Can Community Center
At Kids Can Community Center, our mission is to educate, engage and inspire children through early childhood care and out-of-school experiences.

We operate two core programs to support student academic success: Early Childhood and Out-of-School Education. Many of our parents often work multiple jobs while trying to complete their own education and are sometimes put in a situation of having to choose between basic needs and stable childcare solutions.

Kids Can identified three core learning objectives for programs: experiential learning, engagement, and social emotional learning.

Our goal is to double our capacity of our current building for on-site programming.
CURRENT BUILDING  4860 Q STREET OMAHA NE

Year Built: 1963
Square Footage: 13,800 SF
Max Capacity: 125 kids at any one time

Current Facility Restrictions:
- Block wall construction makes floor plate reconfiguration structurally difficult and costly
- Two-story building with no elevator
- Does not fulfill ADA requirements
- No spectator space within gymnasium
- Shared hallways with community programs
- Limited and small Out-Of-School rooms
- Inability to expand Early Childhood spaces
- Windows are higher than a child’s eye level
- No direct corridor access to playground
- Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing system upgrades are needed
NEW LOCATION
4768 Q STREET OMAHA NE

The future is right around the corner! We love our neighborhood, but our current space limited our growth. We were fortunate to find the right spot just a block away. Previously owned by Omaha Public Schools and the former site of Ashland Park Elementary, Kids Can purchased the land in 2019 to make way for a new facility.
CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW SITE:

Allows for continuity of services at current facility during construction
Larger site allows for future building addition opportunities
Higher visibility at the corner of 48th and Q Streets allows
  for better exposure and recognition within the community
Site Acreage: 3.7 acres
Current Zoning: R-4 (special permit
  approved for new center)
CHARACTERISTICS OF NEW LAYOUT:

Early Childhood and Out Of School areas are placed in separate wings with flexible community spaces in-between

~27,000 square footage with area set aside for future additions for both wings

Gymnasium is built into hillside to reduce scale of the large volume of space and also provides an opportunity for signage along Q Street

Potential recreational greenspace for youth sports

Building footprint holds the corner of 48th and Q Streets to respect the scale of the neighborhood

Conceptual designs provided by Holland Basham Architects.
SAMPLE PROGRAM ROOMS

**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION**
- Preschool Classrooms
- Pre-Kindergarten Classrooms
- Infant Classrooms
- Indoor Gross Motor Play Space

**Characteristics:**
- 25’x40’
- 1,000 net square feet
- Combined restroom
- Snack prep area
- Transparency to exterior
- Convenient storage

**OUT OF SCHOOL**
- STEM Room
- Strength / Music / Literacy
- Learning Room
- Mentoring Zones

**Characteristics:**
- 40’x60’
- 2,400 net square feet
- Flexibility!
- Project Room adjacency
- Abundance of Power / AV
- Tall ceiling height

**COMMUNITY**
- Gymnasium
- Cafeteria
- Community Room
- Lobby Space

**Characteristics:**
- 104’x70’
- 7,280 net square feet
- Multi-Functional space
- Storage adjacency
- Community access
- Spectator seating
IT’S TIME TO GET IN GEAR!

The future is literally right around the corner! Our new center is just one block east of our current building, keeping our new home in the neighborhood we love. The new center will foster an environment truly suited to the needs of the families we serve, including an innovative STEM room, greater classroom and community capacity, and infant childcare for the first time in our history. This Get In Gear Capital Campaign is a collective investment in the future of our students and the deeply needed services to their families: accessible, affordable and quality Early Education and Out Of School programming.

As we Get In Gear to construct a new Kids Can Community Center, we thank you for consideration of support. Your donation will be prominently placed on a recognition wall consisting of gears working together. It will be a fun and interactive art installation for our kids with your name on a gear. Join us in showing our students how working together creates a fun and bright future for each child, our community center and all of Omaha.

Contact Cliff McEvoy at 402.731.6988 or cmcevoy@kidscan.org or visit https://kidscan.org/capital.html make your donation today.
Capital Can Doer Level

$50,000+

- VIP Event Invitation
- Custom-framed art piece by Kids Can student
- Individual Gear Recognition on Donor Wall
- Grand Opening Invitation
- Listing in Annual Report
- Online acknowledgment
- Recognition in Grand Opening materials

Educator Level

$5,000+

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- General Donor Wall Recognition
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Engager Level

$25,000+

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Connector Level

$1,500+

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Inspirer Level

$10,000+

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