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**KIDS
CAN**

COMMUNITY CENTER

ANNUAL REPORT 2020-21



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

This year saw the return of some of my favorite things at Kids Can - - watching our PreK graduates in their caps and gowns, celebrating our Can Do Awards in person, dusting off our vans for fun summer field trips, and listening to kids' jam session right outside my window!

The future of Kids Can was also on full display as we announced our project for a new community center. This monumental point in our century-plus history will allow us to improve the quality of our teaching environment, provide new services such as infant care, and expand our STEMsmart programming for students.

Even as the pandemic was impacting us on a daily basis, I was incredibly proud to see our community coalescing to help those most in need. We came together with patience and understanding to navigate these continually changing and challenging times. I believe we have all grown closer for having gone through adversity together.

This annual report is a celebration of our accomplishments, but more importantly, it is a thank you to our staff, children, families, partners and supporters.



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. 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 achieved a Step 5 status and is one of only three centers in Omaha at this highest achievable level.



In the 2020-21 school year, 56 children attended our early childhood programs, open every weekday from 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM. Last year:

- 95% students were socially and emotionally ready for Kindergarten,
- 100% were physically ready for Kindergarten, and
- 90% were academically ready for Kindergarten.

Using research-based curriculum and learning-through-play, we strive for all children to reach their potential.



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.

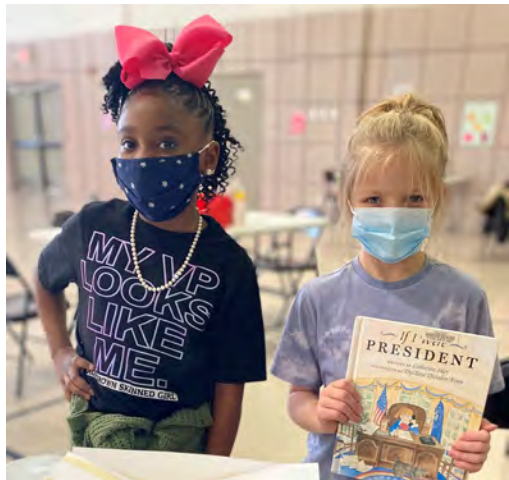


Kids Can partners with Collective For Youth, schools, and foundations to provide on-site after school programs at Gilder, Miller Park, Wakonda, Minne Lusa, and Nelson Mandela Elementary. We are excited to add Conestoga Magnet Elementary for the 2021-22 school year. Our goal is for every student to improve 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).

In addition to serving over 135 kids through virtual programming, 751 children attended in-person Out-of-School programs.

Of those students

- 85% reported developing caring adult relationships,
- 77% reported development of future focus, and
- 79% reported development of a growth mindset and positive peer relationships.



Continued COVID-19 Response

In 2020, Kids Can was one of the first and few centers to re-open and remain open during COVID-19. In 2021, we focused on re-building through extended summer programs and relaunching traditional after school programs.

Collaborating with community organizations, we continued to provide necessary resources and supplies to our families. We also partnered with the Good Food for All program to provide family-sized boxes of food every week which includes fifty servings of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Because of the support in our community, a big bright spot during trying times was providing full bags of gifts and a gift card for each family during the holidays instead of our traditional in-person celebration.

Students, families and staff continued to adapt to the ever-changing environment around them. Thank you to our many partners and supporters this year.



Getting In Gear For The Future

We were incredibly excited to announce the location for the new Kids Can Community Center. Just one block east of our current building, our new home will keep us in the neighborhood we love and provide more services to more families than ever before.

The new facility will double the square footage and foster an environment truly suited to the needs of the families we serve, including six early childhood classrooms, three out-of-school classrooms with an innovative STEM room, expanded gymnasium for future events and tournaments, a community room for collaborative meetings, and nature-based outdoor play areas.



Located at 4768 Q Street, the new facility is projected to finish construction in Fall/Winter 2022. You can keep updated on the progress on our website at www.KidsCan.org.



Can Do Awards

The 2021 Can Do Event on April 22nd was a hybrid ceremony that we live-streamed to celebrate these amazing award recipients.



The Can Do Future Award, sponsored by Wells Fargo, honored Dr. Idalene Williams and the Greater Omaha Chapter of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, advocating for black women & girls by promoting leadership development & gender equity.

The Can Do Junior Award, sponsored by Bellevue University, honored Ashton Evans, who participated in the afterschool program at Gilder Elementary since he was in Kindergarten. Ashton is very active in sports and academics.



The Can Do Mentor Award, sponsored by Union Pacific, honored Amy Coacher, whose love of learning and passion for education brought her to Kids Can where she has a blast being a mentor.

The Can Do Provider Award, sponsored by Nebraska Early Childhood Collaborative, honored Dawn Dreher, owner of Smiley Face daycare, for her dedication to children and families.



The Can Do Educator Award, sponsored by Oxbow Animal Health, honored Monica Wells, Family Support Coordinator and School Counselor at Nelson Mandela Elementary School for her work above and beyond the call of duty.

The Can Do Hope Award, sponsored by Gallup, honored Kate Nicholson, social worker at Wakonda Elementary, for her commitment to making school a place where students and their families feel welcome and believed in.



Kids Can by the Numbers

Last year, we served 807 children through our Early Childhood and Out-of-School programs. You can learn more about the demographics of our participants below:



Annual Household Income:	
Under \$30,000	53%
\$30,000 to \$59,999	34%
Over \$60,000	13%

Center Subsidy/Private Pay	
State-Subsidies only	30%
Subsidies + Scholarship	10%
Private Pay + Scholarship	30%
Private Pay only	30%

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

Ethnicity/Race:	
Black/African American	47%
Latinx/Hispanic	21%
White/Caucasian	18%
Multiracial	11%
Native American	2%
Asian	1%

Free/Reduced/Paid Meal Status:	
Free or Reduced	87%
Paid Meal	13%



Kids Can Financial Statements

Kids Can Community Center's 2020-21 audit was conducted by Seim Johnson. The full audit and Form 990 are available upon request.
(Includes funds for current capital campaign.)



Statement of Activities 2020-21

Support and Revenue:

Earned Revenue	1,323,017
Foundation Support	3,460,549
Special Events	88,439
Fundraising & Contributions	141,495
In Kind Support	10,065
Investment Income	23,181
Income Total	\$ 5,046,746

Expense:

Early Childhood Education	607,084
Out Of School Programs	1,518,782
Community Programs	35,367
Management and General	206,619
Fundraising	109,449
Expense Total	\$2,477,301

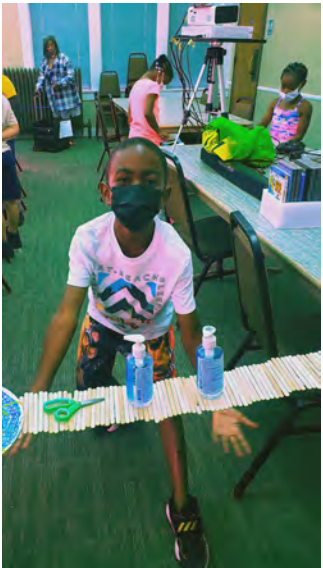
Statement of Financial Position 2020-21

Assets:

Current Assets	9,877,435
Property & Equipment	1,439,055
Long Term Investment	28,336
Promises to give	1,732,294
Other assets	4,135
Assets Total	\$13,081,255

Liabilities & Net Assets:

Current Liabilities	944,408
Net Assets w/o restrictions	2,382,426
Net Assets w/ restrictions	9,754,421
Liabilities/Net Assets Total	\$13,081,255



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 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.

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. 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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