



# In Loving Memory of Carol Sargent



Loved as a friend, mentor and educator, Carol joined CLC in 1981 as a head teacher and worked her way up to director. In 36 years at CLC she touched the lives of thousands of children and countless teachers, parents, families and coworkers.

She will be deeply missed.

The family has requested donations in Carol's honor be made to CLC. We are grateful for the continuing support of the Sargent family.

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# THE STEPS OUR LITTLE ONES TAKE EAGH DAY ADD UP TO BIG THINGS IN THE FUTURE

As the CLC school year gets underway, we witness again how each day our young children embrace learning, progress quickly and do it with an innocence that's beautiful to see.

Your contributions allow us to give these children the safe, happy, fun and educational environment they need and our programs provide.

Robert Rahilly Board Member Abundant research has recognized that a child's future can be linked back to their kindergarten readiness. Our littlest ones' experiences have lasting effects on their own lives, their families and our communities as a whole. These first years are critical to their development.

The dedicated care our staff provides is outlined in the following pages.

Please get in touch with us and

schedule a visit to see for yourself the very important work they do on behalf of our community's children.

Since 1902, CLC has been at the forefront of identifying needs for, developing and providing high-quality early learning programs often with respected partners such as Yale's Center for Emotional Intelligence.

Today these programs are more vital than ever. Drastic cuts in public funding means we need your help to continue serving all our community's children.

Your gift during this back to school season will set our children on the path to success! Please give generously.

Sincerely. Marc E. Jaffe, CEO Robert J. Mattis, Jr., Chairman



**OVERVIEW** 

We provide high quality early childhood education & care for infants, toddlers & preschoolers.

We welcome all children regardless of family income. We provide Head Start, Child Development, School Readiness and private pay programs.

**Our Year at a Glance** 

1,500 Children & Families

500,000 Meals & Snacks

10 Hours a Day

51 Weeks

**8** Locations (9th coming soon!)

86% of our funding directly benefited children's programs





- Education, health, nutrition & family support services
  - Mental, physical & emotional development

Active, hands-on learning using a variety of approaches



"My favorite part of the day is morning firee play."

I am able to move around the room to different areas & spend time with each child. We talk and share ideas & stories. This is when we build relationships & bonds form."

Stephanie Liebler, teacher.

CLC educates, serves meals to and provides summer care for more young children than any organization in Southwest CT, allowing parents to work or go to school knowing their children are safe, happy and learning.



"As a teacher for many years, I keep In my mind the memories of all the children who passed through my classroom. Sometimes I see them on the street all grown up and successful. That reinforces my belief that early support for children really makes a difference on their future and their families." - Maria Robinson, teacher

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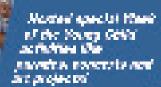


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## HEALTH

CLC provides the safe, healthy and nurturing environment children need to grow! In addition to our healthcare, family services, and exercise opportunities, our children continue to learn social and emotional strategies through our Yale University collaboration. Soon, we will launch a pilot program with the Columbia University Pediatric Institute called the Nurture Science Program.

#### NUTRITION

Our little ones enjoy lunchtime together each day! We serve healthy menus for infants, toddlers and preschoolers. That's 500,000 meals and snacks each year - breakfast, lunch & a snack for every child! Our menus reflect the wide-ranging backgrounds of our families, accommodating 121 allergies, sensitivities and cultural guidelines.

## FAMILY

We regularly invite families to participate in activities like art projects and field trips. We help our dedicated parents find new ways to engage and bond with their children and learn new parenting skills. As part of Vita Health and Wellness, we help lead the Parents as Co-Educators two-generation program for immigrant and low-income families

## ENRICHMENTS

At CLC we learn, play and grow with help from our nonprofit partners, who bring a wealth of special events and opportunities to our children and families. From musical instruments, art and dancing to fossils, plants and animals, there's always something special happening at CLC! Field trips and hands-on demonstrations are part of our curriculum.



"CLC helps parents achieve their goals, helping them grow and be better parents. The children always enjoy coming to school knowing that they are going to be able to see their little friends and play with them." Kari Gutierrez, family service manager

#### DIVERSITY

#### TEACHERS

#### PARTNERS

### VOLUNTEERS

Our families and staff members come from all over the world. Together, we represent nearly 50 countries and speak dozens of languages. We celebrate our diversity and learn from one another each day and hold special events celebrating our heritage throughout the year.

Our teachers provide a nurturing, educational and fun environment for our children to grow, learn and explore. They make CLC a truly special place every day! All of our nearly 200 teachers have college degrees or child development associate credentials. Professional development and additional credentialing are ongoing and CLC offers tuition support. In the classrooms our ratios are 4-1 for infants and toddlers and 10-1 for preschoolers.

We enrich children's learning experiences and expand our reach through innovative partnerships with organizations such as: Stamford Public Schools, Stamford Cradle to Career, Inspirica, Building One Community, Family Centers, Vita Health & Wellness District, Stamford Museum & Nature Center, SoundWaters, the Ferguson Library and more.

Volunteers enhance the experiences of our children and families, build organizational capacity, and tackle projects outside our budget. CLC's Reading Heroes read, play and help build literacy skills. Individuals and corporations assist on specific projects including administrative, landscaping and exterior painting. Parents volunteer in classrooms and our friends from Edgehill read and support the organic garden.



"My favorite thing about CLC is the diversity amongst the teachers and children. We have the opportunity to reach the children that need us the most. I enjoy the connections I make with the children, parents, and staff." Lisa Perrellis, teacher



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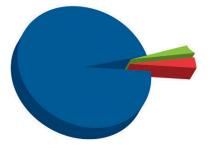
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