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The Happy Times

Enriching the Lives of Children

As this year quickly comes to an end, we have begun already to look back and see the wonder of the past months, and naturally, our hearts and minds consider the gratefulness we feel for those who have supported our mission here at Happy Workers Children's Center. We are so thankful for all of our friends and community partners who have helped us and continue to help us in big and little ways to enrich the lives of the children in our care and to help parents to come to a clearer understanding of their role in the education of their children.



By making opportunities available that our children and their families and our staff would not have had ordinarily -- like our Summer Peace Camp and our Family Literacy Program -- all of the participants have been helped to discover a brand new world, and their minds have been opened to the wonderful possibilities that exist and are available in our community. We are so very appreciative for the generosity of our family of supporters for helping us make these opportunities possible.



For our entire 77 years, with our community's support, Happy Workers Children's Center has enriched the lives of low-income children and families by providing, not only the highest quality of innovative education on a sliding fee scale available in our area, but, also, by providing a myriad of opportunities for children and families to experience the world around them. Just imagine how many lives have been enriched. As one of the oldest nonprofit organizations in our area, we "imagine" that it has been over 15,000 children since 1929!



Over 100 years ago, John Dewey, perhaps, the greatest educational philosopher that we

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Happy Workers Children's Center also relies on the support of our many friends such as individuals, churches, civic organizations, corporations and private foundations.

For more information on how you can help support Happy Workers Children's Center, please call (727) 894-5337.

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Reflections from Summer Peace Camp 2006

Our Summer Peace Camp 2006 was a very special experience for 40 children this year. Fully funded by the Women's Leadership Initiative of the United Way of Tampa Bay, Inc., their days were full of fun, adventure, friendships, growth and learning. From special art classes at the Museum of Fine Arts and field trips to many

different places of interest to reading and just having lots of fun at Happy Workers, the children had a summer that they will not forget. In addition, parents also had a very enlightening and worthwhile experience by participating in Financial Workshops conducted by BB & T.



We Laughed • We Experienced • We Had Fun • We Learned • We Discovered • We Formed New Friendships • We Created



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have had in the world, reminded us in his book, **The School and Society**, that the school exists for one purpose alone – “to enlarge the mind.” As we grapple with making sense of our world and how to articulate its meaning, its value, its gifts and resources to the young children we serve, we keep this idea of the purpose of our work before us.

We believe, as we know you do, that the future of our world -- our very own future -- depends on the way we educate our children ... how we enrich their lives ... open doors ... and make opportunities available to them. We know, too, that in order to do our best job of educating

children, we need the support of our families, our friends, and other supportive resources in our community. We continue to believe that all the adults who interact with the work at our school are our partners and we consider them so in our “community of learners.” We must continue to believe these very familiar sayings, that “as our children go, so goes our world” and that “our children are our future.” Please continue to value our tradition of keeping children safe and providing them with the best education possible, and to help us ensure, with your support, that we can help children become their best.

THANK YOU...

Our sincerest thanks goes to the Women's Leadership Initiative of the United Way of Tampa Bay, Inc. for funding Happy Workers Children's Center Summer Peace Camp 2006. This outstanding support enabled us to serve nearly twice as many children than we would have otherwise been able to do. Our children were blessed

with many inspiring and uplifting experiences, and we are so grateful! This funding also helped us develop a long, sought after component for families-- conducting Financial Management Workshops -- that aided in their personal growth through acquisition of new knowledge.

THANK YOU
Many thanks to all of our wonderful donors this year!
A complete listing will be featured in our Winter Newsletter.

“Parents and School as Partners in a Community of Learners”



Happy Workers Children's Center—Our Mission

Happy Workers Children's Center serves children and families by providing a program that features:

- Quality Childcare & Education — Ages 2 months 5 years
 - Peace Camp — Ages 6 11 years
 - Family Programs
- Safe care in a loving and nurturing environment
- An enhanced learning experience that prepares children well for success in school
- Teaching the basic concepts of peace and justice with emphasis upon teaching the core values of caring, sharing, giving, helping, respecting and making friends.
- An emphasis upon working with families to support a home environment that is conducive to learning and the positive development of children.

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AND OTHER MATERIALS THIS YEAR!**



Programs ~

**Infant/
Toddler Care:**
2 - 36 months

Pre-School:
3 years old

Pre-Kindergarten:
4 to 5 years old

Peace Camp:
6 - 11 years old

Music:
2 to 5 years old

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