

Tools to Support Development & Learning

The Children's Center has implemented a new online assessment tool, Teaching Strategies GOLD, to evaluate how well our students are achieving milestones in their learning.

This ongoing observation-based assessment is documented and travels with each of our students from class to class as he or she advances in our school. It then follows them on to the Beaufort County public preschool and kindergarten, which uses the same program.

While there are four formal checkpoints a year for each child, the teachers are constantly assessing each student. They can enter anecdotal notes into the system and are encouraged to make videos of individual activities every day.

To date, 27 teachers have been trained in the use of Teaching Strategies GOLD and have earned a Certification, which is valid for three years.

We continue to work closely with the Beaufort County Public Schools to ensure a smooth transition of our students into kindergarten. A high-quality early education is an investment in the future of the children in our community.

Ongoing assessment is the key to ensuring appropriate early childhood learning experiences and to monitor the progress of each child.





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The 2014 Annual Appeal Update:

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The Children's Center's family of donors increased their giving to the 2014 Annual Appeal by more than seven percent over the previous year. In addition, 73 new donors contributed in 2014. These generous donations will support the daily operations of The Children's Center so that more than 200 children each day can receive high quality education and childcare in a nurturing, safe environment. We thank each and every donor – because you make all the difference!

SAVE THE DATES!

March 14: Reunion at The Children's Center on Hilton Head Island! If you are a former student or teacher of the Hilton Head Island or Bluffton Children's Center, we'd love to see you at a reunion to celebrate your contribution to our success. Also, if you are a former trustee, please join us so that we can thank you for your service. This will be a great opportunity to see old friends, share old memories and tour the facilities. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by calling The Children's Center at 843-681-2739.

March 24: Join us for a fun night at the South Carolina Yacht Club and see how your contributions to The Children's Center support new technology in the classrooms. Watch for your invitation in the mail or call The Children's Center at 843-681-2739 for more information.

Did you know?

Did you know that contributions from individual donors like you range from \$10 to \$50,000? No matter the amount, we at The Children's Center appreciate each and every donation! Your support allows us to fulfill our mission: to make high-quality early education and childcare services available and affordable for working families in order to help our children to have a great start in life.



BIRDIES for CHARITY

It's that time of year again! The 2015 RBC Heritage Presented by Boeing will be played in April on the Harbour Town Golf Links.

We have been chosen once again by the Heritage Classic Foundation to participate in the tournament's Birdies for Charity program. Through this fun and easy program, you have another opportunity to support The Children's Center.

The process is simple. The number of birdies (one under par) shot during the Heritage will be recorded. Based on the amount of your pledge, The Children's Center will receive 100% of the money you contribute in our name. For example:

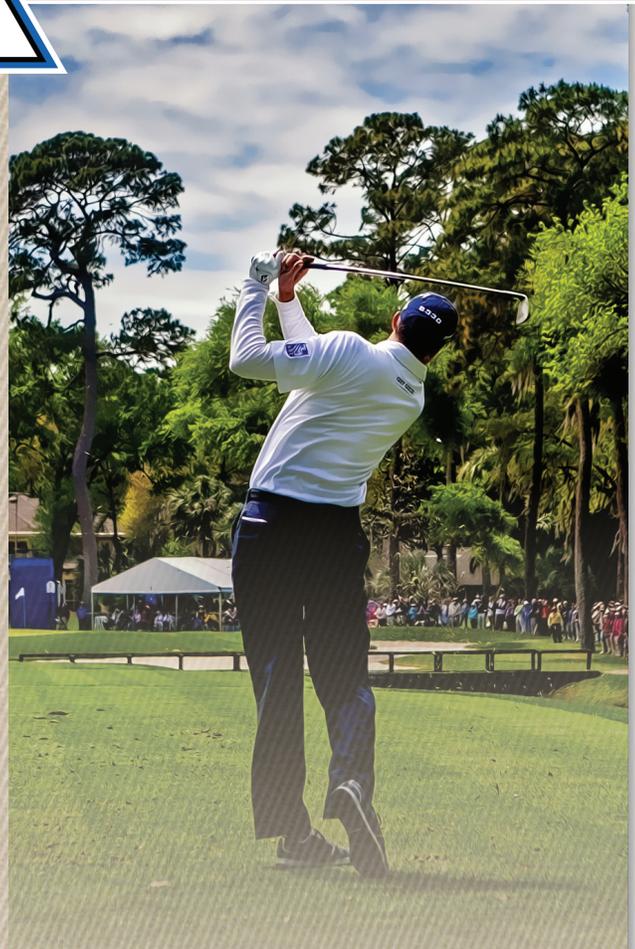
In 2014, there were 1,177 birdies:

1 cent pledge = \$11.77 total pledge
3 cent pledge = \$35.31 total pledge
10 cent pledge = \$117.70 total pledge
\$1.00 pledge = \$1,177 total pledge

In addition, The Heritage Classic Foundation will add an additional 15% to your gift.

If you would like to make a pledge on behalf of The Children's Center visit www.heritageclassicfoundation.com and click on Donate Online Now or mail in the enclosed form.

Thank you for your support!



This Joint is Jumpin'

On March 7, The Hilton Head Shore Notes, a women's cappella chorus, will present "This Joint is Jumpin'!", a musical revue under the direction of Faye McLanahan.

In addition, they will introduce "Boardwalk", a men's quartet which comes from a long line of second-generation barbershop singers, combining great barbershop harmony with folk music and instrumentation.

Shore Notes is a chapter of Sweet Adelines International. They sing Broadway, pop, standards and swing in 4-part harmony for civic and charitable organizations, private groups, churches, community events and fundraisers.

A portion of the show's profits will be designated for The Children's Center. A heartfelt thanks to the Shore Notes for your gift of song and your contribution to The Children Center!



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- The Children's Center enables working families to afford quality education & childcare.
- The Children's Center provides a multicultural, bilingual early childhood program for children ages 6 weeks to 6 years beginning at 6:30 each morning.
- The Children's Center serves a nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack at NO additional cost to parents.

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