



Demitra Passmore and Diane Dickey welcome our new Parent Representative Jennifer Blake to the Board of Directors.

Gifts of any size can impact a child's life.

- \$25 ...can provide craft supplies for a classroom
- \$50 ...provides meals for a child for one week
- \$75 ...pays Continuing Education for our teachers
- \$100 ...will buy a new tricycle or similar playground toy
- \$250 ...purchases seeds, pots, and plants for Demonstration Gardens
- \$1000 ...buys a new crib, bedding, and rocking chair

Thank you for your generosity!

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Dear HCCDC Families and Friends,
As a new school year begins, we are delighted to welcome our children, families, and staff back to HCCDC. Fall is always a season of fresh beginnings, and this year brings even more reasons to celebrate.

Our center is now more comfortable and secure thanks to a new HVAC system installed by FoxFire and a new roof installed by Roman's Roofing. We are deeply grateful for these important improvements and for the community support that made them possible.

We are also thrilled to partner with our new director, Demitra Passmore, whose innovative, energizing ideas are already inspiring excitement for the year ahead. Together, we look forward to creating joyful learning experiences and continuing HCCDC's tradition of nurturing every child.

We are also pleased to welcome new board members Dennis Leftwich, who brings valuable accounting experience, and Jennifer Blake, who will serve as our parent representative.

Thank you for being such an important part of the HCCDC community. Here's to a wonderful new school year!



Warmly,
Diane Dickey
HCCDC Board President

HCCDC Mission Statement

The Mission of the Highlands Community Child Development Center is to provide affordable, high quality preschool childcare, and early childhood education to promote optimal cognitive, physical, emotional development, in a safe and loving environment to young children and their families, regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, religion, or financial status.

HCCDC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Bright Ideas

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Look Out Kindergarten... Here Comes HCCDC's Class of 2026



Luis D.



Iylla D.



Ashton J.



Wesley O.



Caroline S.



Walker S.



Cash S.



Songs filled the air and our hearts at the HCCDC Preschool Graduation ceremony held on Thursday, August 13th at the Church of the Incarnation.



Mason V.



Olivia W.



Barrett W.

HVAC System is completed!
Thank you, Foxfire!



Foxfire Project Manager/Advisor Adam Green and HCCDC Executive Director Demitra Passmore share a happy moment and a handshake for a job well done.

EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS...

Thursday, December 3rd

Doors Open 6 pm

Bingo 6:30-8:30

Benefitting Highlands Community Child Development Center
Providing Licensed, Year Round, Affordable Childcare

Highlands Community Center
869 N. 4th Street

The Evening Will Include

- Delicious Food & Beverages Available for Purchase
- Curated Gift Baskets Available for Raffle
- Raffle Tickets for Sale \$5 each or \$20 for 5

HCCDC Would Like to Thank Highlands Rotary for Their Generous 50% Donation of All Bingo Card Sales and to YOU for Your Investment in the Future of Highlands!

Fall Update
HCCDC Executive Director
Demitra Passmore



A new school year is more than a fresh start—it is an opportunity to reflect on where we have been, celebrate how far we have come, and look forward to what is ahead. As we begin another school year at HCCDC, our commitment remains strong: to provide high-quality early childhood education in a safe, nurturing, and loving environment for every child we serve.

Throughout the year, our staff will continue professional development, classroom planning, and ongoing training to ensure we provide the best possible care and educational experiences for our children. We will also continue working closely with our families and community partners because strong relationships are an important part of a successful early childhood program.

We recently celebrated 10 wonderful preschool graduates as they began their next chapter. While we are excited for all that is ahead for them, they will certainly be missed. Their smiles, laughter, friendships, and memories will remain a special part of the HCCDC family.

As we welcome new children and families and begin another year of learning, I am excited about the possibilities ahead. While there are exciting changes at HCCDC, our greatest priority remains unchanged—our children and the quality of care and education we provide to them.

And

Saturday, December 5th
Bake Sale and Bar-B-Que Lunch
After the Christmas Parade
at the Church of the Incarnation



~~~~~Playing, Learning, Growing~~~~~



Infants are having a happy day.



Toddler One's showing their artistic talents.



Two's and Three's are on the move.

Staff Spotlight  
Zoe Staffelbach



Zoe Staffelbach joined HCCDC six years ago and has worked with the preschoolers for the majority of that time. She loves the special bond that develops with these students as she prepares them for kindergarten. She says this is the best part of her job. Zoe has taken several classes using the Claude Sullivan

Continuing Education Fund to further her education. Her goal is always to provide the best education for her preschoolers.

A native of Franklin and graduate of Franklin High School, Zoe still lives there with her husband, Jeff, and their two children Ansleigh and Colt. In fact, her interest in child care as a profession developed after she had her daughter. When she's not at HCCDC, she loves spending time with her family.



Who doesn't want a cool treat on a hot day? These preschoolers sure do.

Interested in visiting HCCDC?  
Contact us to set up a guided tour of our main facility and our Pre-K classrooms.  
(Call 828-526-8905)