

Join HP Community's Holiday Kindness Challenge

Your gift helps every child thrive!



HP Community
Early Learning Center

Dear Friends of HP Community,

This holiday season, we invite you to join our **Holiday Kindness Challenge**, our year-end campaign to celebrate kindness, community, and giving. **Our goal is to raise \$70,000 to support HP Community's high-quality early childhood education program.** Your gift helps grow our Scholarship Fund, enrich classroom experiences, provide essential learning materials, support our teachers, and ensure that every child at HP Community thrives in an environment that nurtures curiosity, growth, and a love of learning.

Donate Today!



Thanks to the generosity of supporters like you, this year we were able to provide scholarships to families in need, update our playground, continue our bilingual music program, offer field trips and enrichment programs, provide new books, art supplies, and hands-on learning materials, celebrate our staff, and host memorable family events including our first ever Preschool Prom. Your support makes all of this possible, and it ensures we can continue giving every child the strong start they deserve.

The Holiday Kindness Challenge: Community Is Everything

In the spirit of community and kindness, we are proud to launch this year's Holiday Kindness Challenge on Giving Tuesday. As HP Community celebrates its 75th year of serving children and families, we are reflecting on what has made our community so special for generations: the belief that we are stronger when we care for one another.

Our Commitment to Equitable Access

Lake County Preschool Access



48,000+

children under
age 5 in Lake
County

66%

lack access to an
early childhood
education program.



2/3

of our enrollment is
reserved
for families needing
financial aid

We provide

\$240,000

in tuition assistance
each year.



More families who do not qualify for state assistance are turning to our Scholarship Fund. Families who were once managing well are now struggling to make ends meet.

Your gift helps
expand our
Scholarship Fund and
opens doors
for every child.



Your support of the Holiday Kindness Challenge helps sustain not only our high-quality early learning program, but also the scholarships, relationships, and community support that allow children and families to thrive.

At HP Community, we believe community is something we create together, through both the little things we do each day and the ways we show up for one another when it matters most. This year we:

- Established a mutual aid Family Food Pantry, where enrolled families can give what they can and take what they need, no questions asked.
- Launched our Latino Family Support Group, creating meaningful connections among our immigrant families.
- Expanded our financial aide to include families from Tri-Con Child Care Center who suddenly lost their affordable childcare when the Center unexpectedly closed.
- Provided funds to fix cars, pay electric bills, and buy car seats for families who had no other resources to turn to.

These efforts reflect a belief we have held for 75 years: caring for children means caring for the families and community around them. Together, we can build a community where every child feels valued, every family feels supported, and everyone knows they belong.

Join the Holiday Kindness Challenge

How your donation can help:

\$100

can buy 6 Bilingual hardcover books for a classroom celebrating language and culture.

\$200

can equip classrooms with outdoor play materials and adaptive equipment that encourage physical activity, imaginative play, and teamwork.

\$350

can help provide a special workshop or enrichment activity for the children, such as a guest artist, yoga class, or science demonstration, inspiring children and expanding their learning experiences.



\$500

can provide one classroom with a full year supply of art supplies, puzzles, sensory tools, math materials, books, gardening supplies, and toys that support exploration, growth, and individual learning needs.

\$1,000

can fund a special family engagement event, such as a community picnic, concert, ice cream social, or cultural celebration, fostering connections among families and staff.

\$3,500

covers one month of hot, nutritious lunches for every child at HP Community. Our students receive breakfast, lunch, and snack each day, fueling their bodies for learning and growth.



\$5,000

can fund a professional development series for teachers, allowing them to attend workshops or conferences, to bring innovative inclusive teaching strategies back to the classroom.

\$10,000

can make a new school-wide enrichment program possible, such as one year of theater or sports classes, giving children the opportunities to explore new interests, develop new skills, and build confidence.

\$25,000

can provide a full-year tuition scholarship for one child whose family could not otherwise afford preschool, opening the door to safe, nurturing, and high-quality early learning.

Join Us in Supporting Every Child and Family

The first five years of life help shape the person a child will become. During these critical years, a child's brain develops rapidly, forming more than one million neural connections every second. At HP Community, children develop early literacy and math skills, explore their curiosity, solve problems, and build friendships. These everyday experiences lay the groundwork for a lifetime of growth.

Every child deserves access to these formative experiences, regardless of their family's financial circumstances. For many working families, the cost of high-quality early childhood education remains a significant barrier. At HP Community, we work to ensure financial hardship does not stand in the way of a child's opportunity to thrive.

Government assistance through the Illinois Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) does not cover the full cost of care, so we help bridge the gap on a sliding scale. Our Board of Directors Scholarship Fund also supports families facing temporary financial hardship, including those who earn too much to qualify for government assistance but still struggle to afford childcare.

Together, these programs provide \$240,000 in annual tuition assistance, helping approximately two-thirds of our enrolled children access the high-quality early learning they deserve. As more families need support, our scholarship resources face growing demands.

Your gift helps close this gap, giving children the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive regardless of their family's ability to pay. Parents can exhale, knowing that they can work and that their child is in a safe, nurturing, environment. HP Community is the safety net for many working families.

For 75 years, HP Community has helped children and families grow together. Please make a gift today to help sustain this legacy, strengthen local families, and ensure every child has the opportunity to thrive. Community is a shared responsibility, and every child deserves the chance to reach their full potential.

With heartfelt gratitude,



Robin Byster
Executive Director of HP Community Early Learning Center

Help us reach our \$70,000
Holiday Kindness Challenge goal



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