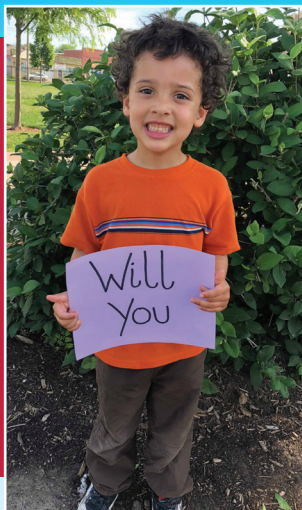


Give every child a Head Start!



The future begins today!

Invest in the campaign to give every child the opportunity to succeed.

Poverty threatens potential.

Poverty affects nearly **3,400** young children right here in the place we call home. These children, by no fault of their own, will struggle to meet the developmental milestones necessary for successfully entering kindergarten and reaching their full potential.

“Far too many children arrive at school behind. Access to quality early childhood development enables children to go to school ready to learn, and develop into successful community citizens.”
—Prosper Lincoln, 2016

Of young children living in poverty, Community Action Head Start serves **493 of the most vulnerable.**

100% of enrolled children and families have incomes below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$27,750 a year for a family of four), are homeless, in foster care, or have disabilities. Of those currently enrolled:

- **55% of children** come from families living in *extreme* poverty (\$13,875/year for a family of four)
- **15% of children** have disabilities
- **38% of children** have high social emotional needs (behavioral challenges or at risk due to abuse, witnessing violence, or experiencing toxic stress)
- **24 children** are experiencing homelessness
- **14 children** are in foster care



Head Start gives opportunity and inspires hope.

For more than 50 years, Community Action Head Start has given some of our community's most vulnerable babies, toddlers, and preschoolers opportunity to succeed through the provision of high-quality early childhood education. Services are provided at **no cost** to families. Our comprehensive service model and **whole family** approach help us to meet the significant needs of our enrolled children and families and ultimately **break the cycle of poverty**.

Program Hallmarks

Family Engagement staff **empower parents** to reach their own education and employment goals and ensure their basic needs are met.



Family Educators **coach parents** on using strategies that promote children's learning, social-emotional development, and health. Incredible Years® parenting classes are offered twice-yearly.



All lessons guided by **evidence-based curricula**. Child development data is assessed in key areas of development (social emotional, physical, language, and cognitive) as well as key areas of content learning (literacy, math, science, social studies, and the arts).



Beyond the classroom, children are provided **behavioral health, medical, dental, and nutritional** supports.



Program Options

Center-based

Our center-based program options provide education for seven hours each day. Beyond daily classroom-based services, parents are provided home visits and participate in an array of classes and workshops designed to support family well-being.

K Street Head Start Center
197 babies, toddlers, and preschoolers enrolled in **19** classrooms in Lincoln

Head Start Center at Health 360
58 babies, toddlers, and preschoolers enrolled in **5** classrooms in Lincoln

Head Start at 26th Street Center
72 babies, toddlers, and preschoolers enrolled in **9** classrooms in Lincoln

Wahoo Elementary School
34 preschoolers enrolled in **2** classrooms in Wahoo

Home-based

Through our home-based program, **132** babies, toddlers, and expectant parents receive education in their homes via weekly visits. Families also attend twice-monthly socialization events designed to extend learning to a group-based setting and promote parent-child relationships.

The work being done at Community Action Head Start today will determine the future of our community. We cannot do it alone. Our children need your support.

Put your name on the future of our community.

Sponsor a Baby/Toddler Classroom for One Year **\$1,500 (26 available)**

Provide the supplies and resources teachers need to care for and support the developmental needs of babies and toddlers. Your generous support will keep one baby/toddler classroom supplied with just some of the following items for the year:

- Curriculum resources for teachers
- Diapers, pull-ups, and wipes
- Baby bottles and formula
- Age-appropriate books for story time activities
- Bibs, blankets, crib sheets, and baby towels and washcloths
- Baby food (fruits and vegetables)
- CDs with soothing lullabies to play during nap time
- Educational toys to promote cognitive, gross/fine motor, language, and social-emotional development

**A plaque will be placed outside of your classroom recognizing your contribution!*



Sponsor a Preschool Classroom for One Year **\$1,500 (7 available)**

Provide the supplies and resources teachers need to prepare preschool-age children for kindergarten success. Your generous support will keep one preschool classroom supplied with just some of the following items for the year:

- Curriculum resources for teachers
- Art supplies, such as crayons, construction paper, clay, markers, and paints and paint brushes
- Age-appropriate books for story time activities
- Educational toys to promote cognitive, gross/fine motor, language, and social-emotional development
- Games, puzzles, and flashcards to support children's development of math concepts and skills
- CDs with songs for music and movement activities

**A plaque will be placed outside of your classroom recognizing your contribution!*



**Your gift is an investment in our children's futures
and our community's growth.**

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