

Child Nursery Centers Legacy & Vision Women's Giving Circle

Legacy & Vision Women's Giving Circle was established in 2000 as a unique way of supporting the children and families of the Child Nursery Centers. Women who join Legacy & Vision do so for three main reasons: 1) to be connected to an established organization that has been making a difference in lives of children for over 100 years; 2) to advance our mission of providing a quality and meaningful first start for children from limited income and working families; and 3) to have fun and celebrate a common bond of philanthropy.

Legacy & Vision was inspired by Alice Bemis Taylor, our most important benefactor. Mrs. Taylor was one of the fourteen founding mothers of the Child Nursery Centers in 1897 (known then as the Colorado Springs Day Nursery Association). She donated the funds and was closely involved in the design and construction of the Historic Day Nursery, which was dedicated in 1923 "to all mothers and all children", so that the work of the organization would continue in a permanent home. Today the Day Nursery continues to serve children and houses CNC's corporate offices.

Mrs. Taylor's vision and legacy remain in place at all of our sites. Our comprehensive, high-quality Early Care and Education Program is a 'whole child' approach to early learning. It has five integrated and equally important components: a literature-rich, literacy-focused curriculum, The Storybook Journey; a comprehensive health and balanced nutrition program; parent involvement activities; professional development for classroom staff; and outcome measurements to evaluate progress and accountability. Our sliding fee scale and community partnerships help ensure that our services are affordable for all.

Two-thirds of our children are being raised by single parents (mostly women) who are working or going to school and about the same percentage are eligible for free or reduced-cost meals. While our mission is clearly about improving the quality of life for all children, our services are designed to support parents and families. Knowing that parents are their children's first and best teachers, we want to educate, engage, and empower them to be effective advocates for their children.

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