



PreSchool Partners

ENGAGE • PREPARE • EMPOWER

ANNUAL REPORT

2018 — 2019

PreSchool Partners Mission:

to equip families of preschool children with the skills necessary to achieve school readiness.



THE PRESCHOOL PARTNERS STORY OF WHY



This report will give you all the details of *what* we do at PreSchool Partners every year, but more importantly, we want you to know *why* we do it.

We do it because we don't think a child's zip code should determine the rest of their life. Children born into low income zip codes are 2 times more likely to experience developmental delays, are 12-18 months behind in language, literacy, and math skills by the time they reach kindergarten, and are 60% more likely to drop out of school and spend the rest of their life in poverty.

We do it because every child deserves a quality preschool education whether his family can afford to pay for it or not. We don't think parents should have to choose between paying for preschool and paying their rent. Every child deserves the chance to succeed in school by having the skills needed for academic success.

We do it because children don't come with an instruction manual and parents need all the support they can get. We know parents are their children's first and most important teacher. Who wouldn't benefit from learning stress management, budgeting, age appropriate expectations, and tips on healthy eating and dealing with temper tantrums?

We do it because every child's life matters, no matter what their skin color, where they live, or how much money their parents make.

LETTER FROM THE Board President

Wow - what a year we've had at PreSchool Partners! Although it seems like yesterday that these sweet faces greeted us on the first day of school, the end of the year has come. I am truly grateful to the staff, supporters, and my fellow Board members for their dedication and generosity. Our PreSchool Partners children are the true beneficiaries of your time and gifts!

This past year has been another great one. We expanded the two-year-old program to add an additional classroom, which has been a huge success. Our speech therapy initiatives have made great strides, hitting milestones earlier than planned with many students. Not too surprisingly, 94% of our 4-year old students tested ready for Kindergarten. These children are so smart!

Since its inception, PreSchool Partners has made a permanent, positive impact on thousands of children. The 2019-2020 school year marks the 25th anniversary of this extraordinary place. The future of PreSchool Partners is bigger and brighter than ever! We look forward to your continued support as we embark on a new era.

Sincerely
Ashley N. Robinett

Our Program Progress

Children's Program

The mission of PreSchool Partners is to equip families of preschool age children with the skills necessary to achieve school readiness, and while we fulfill that mission every year, it never gets old to report it! The academic results are as follows:



We are thrilled that **94% of our graduates tested ready for kindergarten!**

Name one positive thing about enrolling in PSP:

Skill	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Colors	94% knew most	100% knew most
Shapes	86% knew most	100% knew most
Numbers	58% knew most	89% knew most
Letters (U)	42% knew most	86% knew most
Letters (L)	22% knew most	75% knew most
Beginning Sounds	25% knew most	75% knew most
Rhyming	31% knew most	44% knew most
Name Writing	38% could	94% could

We asked our parents

"My child's vocabulary has increased and become more comprehensible."

"The community, the instruction, the curriculum, the facility - all of it!"

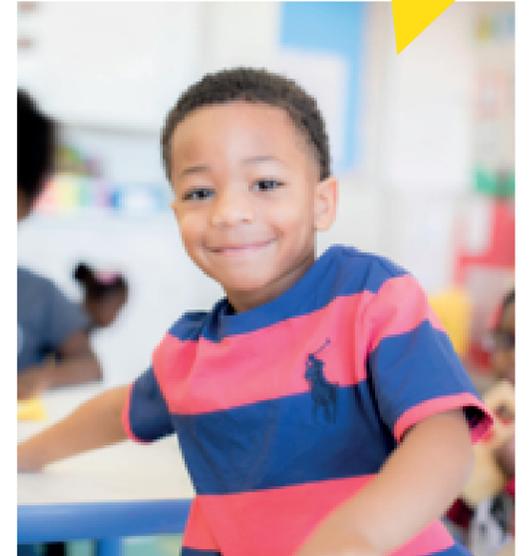
"My child is actually excited to come to school every day. He talks about school in a positive way."

Chase's Success Story

GREAT JOB!

This was Chase's 2nd year at PreSchool Partners. Chase is known for his quick hugs, sweet nature, and his smile that he freely gives to you at a glance.

Chase entered the 4-year-old program with a good foundation of skills learned the previous year. He grew tremendously by the end of the year and is ready for Kindergarten! We are so proud of Chase and know that he will have a successful start in school. Chase's outstanding evaluation results for the 2018-19 school year are below:



Chase is ready for Kindergarten!

Skill	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Colors	100%	100%
Shapes	83%	100%
Numbers	90%	100%
Letters (U)	19%	96%
Letters (L)	1%	80%
Beginning Sounds	22%	78%
Rhyming	38%	63%
Name Writing	No	Yes

Social Emotional Curriculum

This school year we introduced PATHS, a new social emotional curriculum, to our program. The PATHS (Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies) curriculum is a comprehensive program for promoting emotional and social competencies and reducing aggression and behavior problems in school-aged children while simultaneously enhancing the educational process in the classroom.



Through storybooks and the help of our plush pals, Twiggle, Henrietta, Duke, and Daphne, the students learn about their feelings, identifying expressions, and important prosocial behaviors. This innovative curriculum is used in the classroom. Information and activities are also provided for our parents in our parent program for home reinforcement.

Our parents commented:

"My daughter is able to use her words when she gets upset and explain to individuals that she is unhappy and something they did hurt her feelings. I believe that my daughter is really in touch with her feelings and emotional state."

"My son is more expressive about his feelings. He even corrects me when he thinks I am "inappropriate."

"My child is able to problem solve without getting frustrated. My child is able to get along with her peers and encourages others to always be nice when playing."

Parent Spotlight - Ranesia

Ranesia and her daughter, Quniyah, enrolled in PreSchool Partners' Children's and Parent Program in 2017. Because of PreSchool Partner's weekly parent program, we have the unique opportunity to further develop parenting and life skills for the families while also empowering them with the tools and opportunities to achieve financial stability. Through a partnership with Jefferson State Community College, we were able to provide one of our parents with the opportunity to gain access to an in-demand career field.

In January 2019, Ranesia enrolled in the Women in Welding Program at Jefferson State. This program gave single mothers the opportunity to become welding workforce ready upon completion of a welding fast-track program. Jefferson State provided the career coaching and peer support to help the mothers become certified welders. PreSchool Partners supported Ranesia by providing safe and affordable childcare. Ranesia completed the program in May 2019 and currently works as a mig welder at Kamtek.

This is what Ranesia had to say about the opportunity:
"The program gave me a chance to gain a career in a field I never imagined I would become a part of. I am more than thankful for this opportunity not only from PreSchool Partners, but from Jefferson State Community College as well."



Soccer Shots

Soccer Shots has been providing soccer classes to our three and four year old children since 2011. Most of our students have never been exposed to soccer before attending our program, so this is a great enrichment activity for our students. One of the unique aspects of Soccer Shots is not only do they teach soccer skills, they teach character development as well. One of the phrases that Soccer Shots teaches is "Never Give Up." The children chant never give up when their classmates miss a goal. The children are always encouraged to do their best and keep trying and it translates to other areas of their lives. Every year at PreSchool Partners the children watch as caterpillars spin cocoons and then turn into butterflies that we then release. This year, one of the butterflies was struggling to fly and all of a sudden the children began chanting, **"Never give up, never give up!"** Thank you, Soccer Shots, for providing valuable soccer and life lessons!

PreSchool Partners College Scholarship Recipients



Giana Carson
PSP Class of 2003



Quiana Carson
PSP Class of 2006

PreSchool Partners College Scholarship

The PreSchool Partners College Scholarship fund was started in memory of PreSchool Partners co-founder, Bill Black. School readiness is our mission, however, we want our graduates to not only be successful in kindergarten, but throughout their educational process. Our graduates go on to make great strides including becoming members of the National Honor Society and serving as leaders at their school and in the community.

Giana Carson, PreSchool Partners Class of 2003, was the first recipient of the PreSchool Partners College Scholarship. Giana attended Norwood Elementary School and later moved to Hoover, where she attended Hoover High School and graduated with a 3.6 GPA. She began her collegiate journey at the University of Alabama where she consistently made the Dean's List and President's List. Giana transferred to the University of Alabama at Birmingham with a 4.0 GPA and was accepted into UAB's School of Nursing. She has completed her first clinical rotation and is excited to start her hospital rotation at UAB Highlands.

Our second recipient, Quiana Carson, graduated from PreSchool Partners in 2006. Quiana is a 2019 graduate of Hoover High School with a 4.0 GPA. She is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society and was on the yearbook staff as well as being a peer helper. Quiana will be attending the University of Montevallo where she will study speech pathology.

Quiana wrote in her scholarship application essay that "her love for learning was ignited at the age of 3 when she began her education at PreSchool Partners and she has remained dedicated in her pursuit of a purposeful education desiring to make a positive contribution to society."

We are so proud of the Carson sisters!

Rendezvous at the Zoo

PreSchool Partners hosted 2nd Annual Rendezvous at the Zoo event made possible by PROTECTIVE LIFE at the Birmingham Zoo on April 28, 2019. This year's event raised over \$40,000 in support of the children and families of PreSchool Partners. There was something for the entire family! The kids indulged in sweet cotton candy and shaved ice, and they took advantage of the unlimited carousel rides, the petting zoo, and face painting. Every few minutes, zoo staff appeared with different animals, local and exotic, giving attendees the opportunity to discover fun facts and touch each one. Guests enjoyed live music by Kate & the Howlers, and the parents appreciated the cash bar. Thank you to Alabama Power for signing on as our family sponsor. This sponsorship provided admission tickets and food vouchers to our PreSchool Partners' families. Many thanks to the guests in attendance, the volunteers and countless sponsors that helped make the event a huge success. We look forward to hosting the event next year on April 26, 2020.

Title Partner

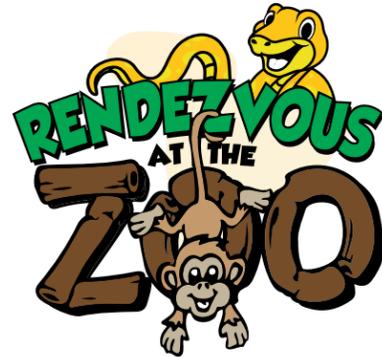
Protective Life

Presenting Sponsor
Regions Bank

Family Sponsor
Alabama Power

Silver Partners
Burr & Forman LLP
DeShazo
Iberia Bank

Bronze Partners
Bill Pitts
Bradley Arant
BRAWCO
Clearview Strategy Partners
Cobbs Allen & Hall
Precision Pipe & Products
Shoal Creek
Stifel
Vulcan Value Partners



Wig & Stache Bash

On October 18th, PreSchool Partners hosted the 3rd annual PNC-sponsored Wig and Stache Bash at Iron City Birmingham. The annual benefit raised over \$120,000. All proceeds went to PreSchool Partners' dedication to serving the City of Birmingham's youth while providing ongoing family support through education. This fun, festive event allows grown-ups to play dress up! Guests enjoyed socializing while wearing wigs, mustaches, and other disguises.



The silent and live auctions boasted a variety of packages from an indulgent spa retreat at Ross Bridge to a Tuscany getaway. The atmosphere was filled with live music and guests enjoyed wine, beer, and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Save the date for the 4th Annual Wig at Stache Bash set to take place on October 17, 2019 at Iron City Birmingham. The theme is "The Roaring 20's" to commemorate our 25th Anniversary!

The FU Manchu Sponsor
PNC Bank

The Handlebar Sponsor
Medical Properties Trust

Einstein Sponsors
Alabama Power Company
Hoar Construction
Regions Bank

Le Monsieur Sponsors
Balch and Bingham
Burr and Forman
EBSCO Industries
Empire Pipe & Supply Co, Inc.
O'Neal Industries
Vulcan Value Partners

Cowboy Sponsors
Maynard Cooper Gale
Oakworth Capital



Our donors are a crucial piece of the partnership that allows PreSchool Partners to carry out our mission to equip families of preschool age children with the skills necessary to achieve school readiness.

Hoar Construction has a long history of supporting PreSchool Partners. After Wayne Hoar retired from his position as President of Hoar Construction, he began volunteering as the school's bus driver. It quickly became a family focus as his wife Kathy volunteered with the program by providing dental screenings for the students and joined the Board of Directors.

In 2009, Wayne connected Hoar with PreSchool Partners to renovate and add a classroom in a temporary space that PreSchool Partners occupied. Five years later, Hoar helped lead the charge for Operation Schoolhouse, our capital campaign to build a permanent home. Hoar donated services in building the new facility and helped with fundraising.

Hoar continues to support PreSchool Partners in the mission of providing a quality early education that would be out of reach for most undeserved families of Birmingham.

HOAR CONSTRUCTION

"From the moment I was introduced to the team at PreSchool Partners, I knew it was something we wanted to support. The program provides one of the best preschool educations in the state, but more importantly, it provides the love and support that these children need to confidently take on kindergarten. We have seen this first hand with the impact the program has made on our boys over the last two years. I am constantly amazed by how much they learn and how excited they are about going to school. By bringing together families from all over Birmingham, I believe that this program has the ability to not only change lives but to change our city for generations."

- Turner Burton, President, Hoar Construction

Our Partners Make It Possible!

July 1, 2018- July 1, 2019

Anonymous
Alabama Power
Estelle S. Campbell Charitable Foundation
BCBS Caring Foundation
Comer Foundation
Daniel Foundation of Alabama
Mike and Gillian Goodrich Foundation
Gratitude Foundation
Hill Crest Foundation
Honda of Alabama
Independent Presbyterian Foundation
Sallie & Milton Johnson Family Foundation

Jones Family Fund
Junior League of Birmingham Hugh
Kaul Foundation Family Fund
Robert R. Meyer Foundation Nick's
Kids Fund
PNC
Protective Life Foundation
Red Diamond Coffee
Regions Bank
St. Luke's Episcopal Church
Thompson Foundation
Susan Mott Webb Charitable Trust

THANK YOU!

Carrie Alexander • Lacy Alford • Ashley & Chase Anderson • Margaret Angelilo • Billy Angell • Anonymous
 Caroline Bailey • Susannah & Will Baker • Cindy Barrow • Donna & John Beauchamp • Meredith Belkofer
 Graham Black • Laura Brantley • Lee Brantley • Ann Braswell • Melanie Bridgeforth • Wellon Bridgers • Lella Bromberg
 Sarah Bryan • Mary Katherine & Jack Bryant • Tom Burns • Jenny & Turner Burton • Burton Family Foundation
 Joe Bynum • Amy & Warren Cain • Crispin & James Cantrell • Allan Chappelle • Virginia Clark • Jerry Clark
 Charles Clayton • Anne & Shawn Cleary • Renee & Bill Clements • Thomasene Collins • Morgan P Cook • Jamie Cowin
 Jane Houston Crommelin • Richard Crum • Laura Crumbaugh • Philip Currie • Miriam Davies • Martha Davis
 Katherine & Will Davis • Bill Dawkins • Francie Deaton • Mr. & Mrs. Robert deBuys • Debby & Bill Denson
 Rob and Suzie Dickinson • Cindy Doody • Jamie & Russ Doyle • Felix & Betts Drennen • George Eastwood • Paul Elliott
 Linda Flaherty • Kirk and Tate Forrester • Tony Gaede • Tracey & John Gardner • Alpha & Hubert Goings
 Mallory and Shaun Gray • Clay & Mac Greene • Marianne Griffin • David Grisham • Martha & Chip Grizzle
 Lella & Lester Hamiter • Jeanette & Jimmie Hancock • Leigh & Jim Hancock • Cole Harbert • Lila & Ed Hardin • John Hargrove
 Susan Haskell • Sandy Hill • Lida Hill • Carey Hinds • Kathy & Wayne Hoar • Peggie Hodges • George Holman
 Jane P. Howard • Marianne Howell • David Hufham • Jim Hughey • Millie Hulsey • Ann Johnson • Timothy Johnson
 Herbie Johnson • Sallie Johnson • Majorie Johnston • Bill & Walker Jones • Loretta Keller • Richard Keller • Marissa King
 John LaRussa • Cornelia LaRussa • William Lee • Caroline & Mark Little • Adrian Lovell • Kenan Lucas • Terri and John Lyon
 Katie Bee Marshall • Kim and George Matthews • Cecilia Matthews • Shane McMinn • Cheryl & Charles Meyer • Bart McBride
 Jane and Don Menendez • Drue Miller • Caroline Millsap • Laura & Temp Millsap • Gwen Mizzell • Jenny & Matthew Mizzell
 Terra Morris • Mariellan Morris • Mountain Brook Gymnastics Foundation • Kathy and Mike Mouron
 Allyson & Lewis Mouron • Logan Mouron • Norita & Richard Murray • John Paul Mussleman • John North
 Molly & William Parkhurst • Suzanne & Robert Parsons • Laura and Adam Peck • Bill Pitts • Ruth Pitts
 Gray and Diana Plosser • Betsy Postlewait • Mary Shepherd & Pete Prichard • James Puckett • Ashley & Jack Reed
 Lisa & Jack Reed • Stephen Reich • Billy Richardson • Emory Richardson • Ashley & Ryan Robinett • Lacy Robinson
 Kim & Bruce Rogers • Victoria Rutledge • John Schuitema • Jim Screws • Bill & Danya Segrest • Chuck Sensiba
 Jane Sharp • Katherine Smith • Susan & Thomas St. James • Russell Stutts • Jennifer & Mark Styslinger • Mary Beatrice
 Sullivan • Sherry & Tanner Sumners • John Sumners • Hugh Rowe Thomas • Clayton & Blair Trotter
 Catherine & Arch Trulock • DA Tynes • Suzanne & Paul Vardaman • Anne & Steve Varner • Katherine Vaughn • Ben Walker
 John Walker • Kathy & Mat Whatley • Marjorie White • David White • Alison Wilder • Annie Wilder • Beth Wilder
 Oliver Williams • Turner & Libba Williams • Meg Wilson • Rebecca & Chase Wise • Charles & Debra Windam
 • Caroline Woods • Elizabeth Wyatt • Libba Yates

Every effort was made to ensure accuracy, but if we have inadvertently left your name out, please contact PreSchool Partners Director of Development at 205.951.5151

INDIVIDUAL DONORS • JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

Our People

Administrative Staff

Lella Hamiter
Executive Director
 Stephaine Pressley
Director of Development
 Bry Davis
Program Director

Teachers

Eleanor Bailey
 Jeffery Bradford
 Janelle Bouchard
 Millie Carr
 Sarah Crabb
 Diane Curry
 Mary Dorough
 Anne Elliott
 Neoki Gaiter
 Loretta Keller
 Sue McArthur
 Meg Meadows
 Drue Miller
 Gwen Mizzell
 Cindy Moore
 Beth Neal
 Leslie Price
 Taylor Anne Straughn
 Annie Taylor
 Meredith Tracy
 Catherine Trulock
 Amy Stevens
 Pam Winston
 April Wittmann

Speech Therapist

Hayley Young

Advisory Board

Dr. Claude J. Bennett
 Mr. William A. Bowron, Jr.
 Ms. Kate H. Cotton
 Mr. Robert P. Dickinson
 Ms. Jeanette Hancock
 Ms. Carey Hinds
 Dr. Kathryn Hoar
 Mr. James F. Hughey
 Mr. John D. Johns
 Mr. Charles W. Mayer
 Mr. C. Phillip McWane
 Mr. Michael A. Mouron
 Mr. J. Bentley Owens, III
 Mr. L. C. "Foots" Parnell, III
 Rev. Richmond R. Webster
 Mr. George E. Wilbanks

Executive Board

Mr. Melinda Aldag
 Mr. Jay Barker
 Ms. Melanie Bridgeforth
 Mr. Jack Bryant
 Mr. Andy Buck
 Ms. Renee Clements
 Mr. Will Davis
 Mr. Kirk Forrester
 Mr. Sumetri Martin
 Mr. Bart McBride
 Mr. Shane McMinn
 Ms. Jane Menendez
 Ms. Allyson Mouron
 Mr. Will Pearson
 Mr. Bill Pitts
 Ms. Ashley Robinett
 Mr. Jim Screws
 Mr. Dan Starnes
 Ms. Sherry Sumners
 Ms. Laura Vogtle
 Ms. Beth Wilder



Income Expense Report

Income

Fundraisers	\$211,647.85
Gifts	\$310,098.97
Grants	\$304,855.00
Interest	\$8,220.97
Partners Dues	\$2,875.00
Summer Camp	\$43,605.00
Tuition	\$194,759.07
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,076,061.86

Expenses

Fundraising	\$ 55,217.00
Operating	\$127,401.84
Program	\$706,951.46

TOTAL EXPENSES \$889,570.30

SURPLUS \$186,491.59

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF PRESCHOOL PARTNERS AND FOR HELPING TO
GIVE THESE FAMILIES THE QUALITY PRESCHOOL EDUCATION THEY DESERVE!**

We firmly believe that our program is preparing families for kindergarten by giving them the skills they need to be successful in school. PreSchool Partners is truly a partnership of teachers and parents working together to ensure a successful start in kindergarten and a life-long love of learning.



PreSchoolPartnersBham



@PSPartners



@PreschoolPartners

205.951.5151 • PRESCHOOL-PARTNERS.ORG • 4447 MONTEVALLO RD • BIRMINGHAM, AL • 35213

NON-PROFIT
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT 871
BIRMINGHAM, AL

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Preschool Partners

4447 Montevallo Road
Birmingham, AL 35213

