

# What A Year!

#### 2020 Couldn't Stop Us from Building! Look what we've accomplished....

When springtime brought Covid and quarantine, schools closed and therapies halted, but we were determined to keep building. We had to think outside the box about how we could best empower our families and continue building development remotely. We found unique ways to connect with our families such as:

"Wake Up with BAC" – a fun, interactive, Facebook live time to sing, learn, create and discover development tools we can use and practice at home. Lauren did a phenomenal job of connecting with children, making them feel special, and teaching them how to grow and learn in fun ways. But more importantly, she was able to joyfully share that Jesus loves them in these difficult times.



"Building Readers" – our incredible Reading Teachers, Jean and Patti continued Building Readers virtually throughout quarantine. They've continued the program in our office under safety guidelines, and are making a huge impact!



"Drive-Thru Playgroups" – we've taken our indoor playgroups outside and started a new system of sharing our playgroup activities with families by safely providing exciting supplies and instructions to take home and use to build development and family time. The best part is getting to pray for each car as they venture home. We've served over 860 families and have been able to give away 350 Bibles at our playgroups during this year alone. We plan to carry on Drive-Thru Playgroups through January of 2021 and hope you can experience them, too!



"Q&A with Kendra & Community Guests" – with change came many questions about how to cope in new circumstances. Kendra enlisted guests, like Dr. Amy Emerson to help answer parents' questions about development.



"Resources with Julie" – our Resource Coordinator, Julie posts ideas for building different aspects of development from creative play to modeling gratitude. Check out our Facebook page for these Tues./Thurs. posts.



November 2020



## Our recent Family Game Night Fundraiser was a great success, raising above our asked goal!



We owe a <u>HUGE THANK YOU</u> to our sponsors and production team who made the event happen, our volunteers who spent countless hours serving, The Charles and Peggy Stephenson Family Foundation for their matching gift, and to Tamara Noel for Chairing and Co-Hosting the event!

### **Building Readers**

...is still going strong and impacting children and their ability to read and learn. This reading program is needed now more than ever! In 2020 alone, to date we've completed **over 500 reading sessions!** 

#### How YOU CAN HELP us BUILD readers:

- We're currently looking for more Reading Specialists to join our team and BUILD readers.
- Donate your gently used children's books to help BUILD our library.
- Stay tuned for our "LOVE to READ" book drive in February 2021...we would love donations!
- Pray! Our students often begin the reading program feeling discouraged and defeated. They are met with Jean and Patti who pray with them and for them, and BUILD up their esteem and reading ability in incredible ways. We need YOUR prayers too!
- Pray for parents and teachers, and parents as teachers, who are doing their best to BUILD strong readers!
- Can you or your business provide a reading scholarship for our six-month reading program? Contact <u>Jean@buildingallchildren.org</u> to fund a reader and make an eternal impact!





We are SO PROUD of these recent Building Readers Graduates! They worked so hard to reach their goals and became confident readers.

#### - THE B.A.C. TEAM -

Kendra Morgan - Certified Child & Parenting Specialist & BAC Founder and Director Kristen Wigner- Child Development Specialist Julie Khalil - Resource Coordinator Lauren Bryan – Playgroup Specialist Melissa Cole - Administrative Assistant Jean Evans - Building Readers Coordinator & Teacher Patti Southard - Reading Specialist & Teacher

## CELEBRATE!

When Kendra first began Building All Children, she was thrilled if she could help one child. She never dreamed that the Lord would use her program to **BUILD over 1,000 CHILDREN!** 



\*We are so excited to celebrate our 1000<sup>th</sup> child!\*

He is an amazing boy who is going to do great things and reach God's full potential for his life!

## **Please Pray For...**

- Our BAC families, caretakers, and children
- More children to be sponsored, resourced, and empowered
- The opportunity to help families pay for needed therapy
- Teachers, Therapists, Physicians, and Counselors on the front lines of BUILDING children and families daily
- The BAC staff, that our hearts will continue to pour into children and their caretakers
- New families to participate in Drive-Thru Playgroups and receive supplies and Bibles

## we have the **BEST VOLUNTEERS**

We are SO GRATEFUL for all of our incredible volunteers! We're always looking for more helpers and would love for you to join our volunteer team! If you're able to serve in any capacity, contact Lauren@buildingallchildren.org

#### We Are Something Good!

Dave Davis, co-anchor of News on 6's "6 in the Morning" has been BUILDING a story to share with you about Building All Children's impact on the Metro Tulsa community. We have been chosen as one of *News on 6's top ten "Something Good"* 

stories, set to air on the **December 10**<sup>th</sup> evening broadcast. Stay tuned to our website and Facebook page for the time and a post-air recap of our story.



#### THANK YOU to ALL of our Donors & Sponsors!

Lives are changing because of your financial support. Thank you, beyond measure, for partnering with us to help fund assessments, therapies, and resources needed to BUILD our families. Your support has eternal impact and is so appreciated!

#### **BUILDING TEACHERS**

In mid-September, we hosted a Teacher Workshop for nearly 100 incredible, talented teachers, directors, and childcare workers from all across the Metro Tulsa area. Participants experienced hands-on, visual, and interactive ways to BUILD development centers in their classrooms. We focused on:

- B BLOCKS
  - UNIQUE CREATIONS
  - IMAGINATION
  - LITERACY
    - DISCOVERY





### We're excited about BUILDING in 2021....

Dreaming Big

We plan to move into "the Venue 68- The Development Center" by the end of 2021!



BAC has been given the opportunity to be a part of the Development Center that Asbury United Methodist Church is remodeling. This building will allow us to help BUILD more children and their development. We're still dreaming big and couldn't be more excited and honored to move in once it's completed!

## Wish Building

We are always seeking to BUILD families with supplies and educational tools they need. Check out our **BAC wish list** to help us BUILD our resources and empower families. <u>https://buildingallchildren.org/wish-list-bac/</u>

## Planning Big

 <u>Dec. 7<sup>th</sup></u> - Drive-Thru Playgroup at Battlecreek Church – 10am



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- <u>Dec. 16<sup>th</sup></u> Papa John's Pizza Night to benefit BAC – location info to come
- Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> Drive-Thru Playgroup at First United Methodist Church, Downtown Tulsa – 10am



<u>Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> – Coffee & Table Time at</u> Hope Coffee Tulsa – 10am



<u>Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> - BAC Speaking Event at</u> "Tulsa Women's Expo With A Cause"

#### We would love the opportunity to offer you:

- Speaking events at churches, schools, childcare facilities
- Coffee & Table Time with caregivers, discussing topics of development
- Q&A Times with caregivers and/or teaching staff to discuss topics of development, parenting, and classroom strategies

Please check out our website calendar for all of our events and activities, and contact Kendra@buildingallchildren.org to schedule.

## Wondering What to Buy Your Children for Christmas? We can help!

We've created a list of age-appropriate toys that help BUILD development and make shopping easier for you. Visit <u>https://www.amazon.com/shop/buildingallchildren</u> for ideas!

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## **Sponsor A Playgroup**

Can you or your employer sponsor a month's playgroup in 2021? Contact <u>Kendra@buildingallchildren.org</u> to impact hundreds of Tulsa children and families who experience our playgroups each month!



#### Where To Reach Us

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