



October 2021

Newsletter

We're Making A Difference Every Day.  
And We're Ready To Do More!

We're already impacting lives, but our new expanded space will allow us to do even greater things!

**BY THE  
NUMBERS.**



## We ARE Moving in 2022!

We can't wait for you to see our new space being constructed in the Development Center near Asbury United Methodist Church!

It will increase our ability to  
**Assess, Resource & Empower by  
BUILDING ALL CHILDREN**  
and families throughout the Tulsa Metro area.  
**Check out our Building Campaign**

**here!**



## Would You Sponsor A Child?

It costs anywhere between \$500 and \$2,600 per child to complete our program. Many families are unable to sponsor the next child. Please consider sponsoring a child by **clicking here to give a tax-deductible gift that will change a family's life!**

## You're Invited to Help Us Continue Building...



EIGHTH ANNUAL

## Building All Children

BENEFIT DINNER

*"No child's story is ever finished..."*

11.14.21

6:00 p.m.

ASBURY CHURCH

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BUSINESS CASUAL ATTIRE

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## Presenting Sponsors



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## TICKET INFORMATION

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS: \$100 | TABLE TICKETS: \$800

## CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

\$1,000 - "MOMS & MENTORS" CORPORATE SPONSOR  
\$2,500 - "PLAYGROUPS" CORPORATE SPONSOR  
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TICKETS & TABLES: DONATIONS:



*Click here to purchase tickets, tables or become a corporate sponsor.*



## Let's Play!

Building All Children strongly believes in the value of social interaction for children as well as caregivers. Thanks to your generosity, we have had a fantastic summer of playgroups and are looking forward to a full schedule for the fall.

### FALL 2021 PLAYGROUP Dates

Sept 7	Asbury Methodist Church
Sept 15	Battle Creek - Jenks
Sept 24	Southern Hills Baptist Church
Oct 4	Fellowship Bible Church
Oct 14	Battle Creek - South Tulsa
Oct 18	First Baptist Church Jenks
Oct 29	Southern Hills Baptist Church
Nov 10	Battle Creek - Downtown
Nov 19	Southern Hills Baptist Church
Nov 29	Fellowship Bible Church



**TIMES:**  
10-11

**Ages:**  
0-6

Registration  
Required



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The playgroups are not only giving children a chance to develop their social skills, but also their motor and cognitive skills. Our themes have been centered around the parables of Jesus, so we have had a great time planting, bandaging, and searching for coins. We **love** helping children develop in all areas while learning the truths of the Bible.



## We love & appreciate VOLUNTEERS

### at Building All Children!

Not only does volunteering help serve the families and staff here at BAC, but it helps you as well. Studies show that volunteering boosts your mood and lowers rates of depression! Volunteering really is a win-win for all those involved.

*We have many volunteer opportunities available.*

*You can do projects at home, come to our office for playgroup prep, or serve at our playgroups. We would love to assist you in finding the perfect volunteer opportunity that works with your needs.*

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Amanda Collins at [Amanda@buildingallchildren.org](mailto:Amanda@buildingallchildren.org) or 918.398.6127 for more information about volunteering.

*We would love to serve with you!*



### Volunteer, Cheryl Arnold says,

"I am grateful to meet a group of ladies that made me feel welcome on my first day with BAC and to be a part of your organization. When I was searching for a group to volunteer with, your mission matched an opportunity for me to work with children, which was not something I was able to do in my past career. I have always enjoyed doing that, which is why I moved to Tulsa...so I could be with my grandchildren, as they bring so much joy. I did not know what to expect on my first day, but I must say, you all exceeded my expectations with seeking kindness, the love of God, and the prep and thoughts that were put into all of the activities for the children's playgroup."

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

Thank you for supporting Building All Children and helping us serve children and their families.

We could not do this ministry without your giving. So, please know from the bottom of my heart, I am GRATEFUL for YOU!

Love, Kendra Morgan M.S., CCPS  
BAC Founder and Director

# The Book Nook



**SUCCESSFUL  
READING  
GRADUATE!**

Once a child has been assessed with several informal assessment tools, we have a personal connection and an instructional starting point. Reading skills are taught in a sequential way and we use this point to dive into instruction. Most of our students benefit from an Orton Gillingham approach which is a structured, explicit, systematic, multi-sensory approach to learning to read. We begin each lesson with prayer. We target a phoneme (sound) the child needs to master, and we build a lesson around acquiring this sound. We use a blending board to sound out (decode) words and decide if they are real or imaginary words. We also always encode (write) this sound to increase the learning. We write both words and sentences using a unique finger tapping of syllables to include every sound.

We decode, we write, and finally we read with these new sounds layering in new and reviewed concepts always. We may work on fluency to increase the rate of reading by repeated reads of a leveled text for time. We may work on learning red words which are words that are used frequently and do not follow the phonemic rules of language. We may work on comprehension to enhance the understanding and enjoyment of what is being read. We follow this template of a lesson and then tailor it to fit your child's needs. Building Readers always ends the lesson with parent involvement. We review our day's work and review the home expectations for this lesson. We provide books for home reading. We praise every success. Finally, we end with prayers of thanksgiving.



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## Story Time

- ❖ "You know Mom, I wouldn't like reading if it wasn't for Building All Children."
- ❖ "Reading is easy for me now."
- ❖ "When my teacher told me about this, I already knew it. That made me feel good."
- ❖ "I just see the word parts now. I don't know why, but I do."
- ❖ "How much longer do I get to come to BAC? I don't want to quit. You really help me and its fun."



These quotes are words we hear after our students have developed skills necessary to read. It's a far different story in the beginning. Some children come to us closed and defeated. They haven't cracked the code and school is not easy. Reading is something to avoid. **Building trust, praying for God's help, finding the starting point, making it fun, but holding children accountable is our first priority.** He came to us as a nine-year-old who could not read at a kindergarten level. Sitting still was not an option and even holding his head up was a challenge for him. Walking a fine line, I had a few firm expectations but gave him lots of ownership of his behaviors. My goal was to teach him to read and to enjoy books. After two hard months I am seeing progress in both reading and behavior. **Confidence and joy are a vital part of our lesson structure.** We laugh, we read, we write, and we talk. He is progressing and I see confidence in reading longer passages. I am hoping for a sweet quote to share with you, but the reality is reading is extremely hard for this child. His school could not give the time to help him one-on-one. With God's help at BAC, we will get there, and you can be sure I will share that sweet quote when it arrives.

- Jean Evans, Reading Teacher



## Building Motor Muscles Jumping, Hopping, Skipping, and Balancing

When we assess a child, one of the areas we assess is gross motor or large motor muscle skills (think legs and arms). When we transition to this part of the assessment, caregivers often tell us, "Oh, I don't have concerns about their gross motor, they love playing outside." While it's true that the child loves being outside, that doesn't mean the child's gross motor development is on track. There is a big difference between being able to hop up and down and being able to jump forward 6 inches. You use different muscles for each task. We also test balance. Most 3 to 4-year-olds should be able to balance on one foot (like a flamingo) for 5 seconds while 5-year-olds should balance for 10 seconds. As you play outside, use chalk to create an obstacle course to help your child jump, skip, or hop through the boxes. We frequently recommend blue painter's tape for practicing gross motor skills. This tape is versatile and can be used to create indoor obstacles where children can jump from line to line. The possibilities are endless.

- Kristen Wigner M. Ed., CCPS



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### 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 development, parenting, & classroom strategies

Contact [kendra@buildingallchildren.org](mailto:kendra@buildingallchildren.org) for info

## Building our Calendar

(Pre-Registration Required for All Playgroups)

- **October 25<sup>th</sup>** – Kendra on 'News on 6' Sharing Developmental Resources – 9:15am
- **October 29<sup>th</sup>** – Early Learning Works Playgroup at Southern Hills Baptist Church – 10am
- **November 10<sup>th</sup>** – In-Person Playgroup at BattleCreek Church Downtown Tulsa – 10am
- **November 14<sup>th</sup>** – 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Dinner at Asbury United Methodist Church – 6pm
- **November 19<sup>th</sup>** – Early Learning Works Playgroup at Southern Hills Baptist Church – 10am
- **November 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Kendra on 'News on 6' Sharing Developmental Resources – 9:15am
- **November 29<sup>th</sup>** – In-Person Playgroup at Fellowship Bible Church – 10am
- **December 6<sup>th</sup>** – In-Person Playgroup at Asbury United Methodist Church – 10am
- **December 10<sup>th</sup>** – Early Learning Works Playgroup at Southern Hills Baptist Church – 10am
- **December 27<sup>th</sup>** – Kendra on 'News on 6' Sharing Developmental Resources – 9:15am
- **January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022** – In-Person Playgroup at Abiding Harvest United Methodist Church – 10am
- **January 10<sup>th</sup>** – In-Person Playgroup at BattleCreek Church Owasso – 10am
- **January 19<sup>th</sup>** – Speaking Event for MOPS at Sanctuary Church – 9:30am
- **January 21<sup>st</sup>** – Early Learning Works Playgroup at Southern Hills Baptist Church – 10am
- **January 24<sup>th</sup>** – Kendra on 'News on 6' Sharing Developmental Resources – 9:15am
- **January 31<sup>st</sup>** – In-Person Playgroup at First Baptist Church Jenks – 10am
- **February 3<sup>rd</sup>** – In-Person Playgroup at BattleCreek Church Midtown – 10am
- **February 4<sup>th</sup>** – Speaking Event at Children's Ministry Expo – All Day
- **February 9<sup>th</sup>** – Speaking Event for Mom-To-Mom Group at Fellowship Bible Church – 9:30am
- **February 28<sup>th</sup>** – Kendra on 'News on 6' Sharing Developmental Resources – 9:15am

## DAY OF BUILDING

We had an incredible "Day of Building" on Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Youth from Memorial Road Church of Christ in Edmond joined our team at Church 3434 here in Tulsa to complete improvements needed to help BUILD the church and community. We were so impressed with the hard work and Christlike spirits that the youth invested in their projects. We look forward to BUILDING the community again soon by partnering with Oklahoma youth.



WATCH  
**Kendra**

ON CHANNEL 6 NEWS



4<sup>TH</sup>  
MONDAY OF  
THE MONTH

at  
9:15 AM



Sharing  
Developmental Resources  
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## Please Pray For...

- Our BAC families, caretakers, and children
- Children falling behind in development due to lack of services during Covid-19
- More children to be sponsored, resourced, and empowered
- The opportunity to help families pay for needed therapies
- 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 families
- New families to participate in Playgroups and receive supplies and Bibles

## THE B.A.C. TEAM

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

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## Check Out Our Toolbox

One of our goals is to guide families to age-appropriate supplies and educational tools they need to BUILD development. Check out our **Amazon Shop** for toys and supplies you can use at home and in the classroom.  
<https://amazon.com/shop/buildingallchildren>