



Dear Friends,

It has been a whirlwind two weeks since we lost access to our campus in the Crosby-Garfield building on Lenoir Street. It is a testament to the strength of our staff, our families, our organization, and our community that we have been able to adapt so quickly. Focusing on the needs of our families and staff enabled us to prioritize tasks and allocate resources efficiently.

Yesterday, we welcomed children back to the Learning Together summer program, thanks to the partnership and generosity of Edenton Street United Methodist Church. At the ESUMC daycare center, we have a wonderful temporary home to continue – though limited – these critical summer services.

In addition to our leadership, we have 15 staff members working part-time for the summer program, and we are maintaining payroll and benefits at their full-time rate, with no reductions in pay. We are not furloughing any staff members, even with the reduced number of students and the reduced tuition for our half-day program. We will not compound this situation by putting the burden of it onto the shoulders of our staff.

If you are able to help, financial donations will make the most impact right now. We are incurring many unforeseen expenses, and greatly appreciate donations of any amount.

Donate at www.learningtogether.org/donate.

As we await the official status of the Crosby-Garfield building, please know that it is our goal to serve as many children and families as possible both this summer and as we plan for the 2022-23 school year. We intend to be fully transparent and ask for your continued patience and understanding as we navigate this quickly evolving situation. If you have any questions or know of other resources to help, please reply to this email.

With gratitude,

Learning Together