

Crosby-Garfield Building Damage



Learning Together Recovery Update Week Four

Dear Friends,

We are fortunate to announce that we will be opening full-time for the 2022-23 school year at our Edenton Street campus. This planned expansion to a second campus has been in the works for months, however, the recent [Crosby-Garfield Building damage](#) meant our needs quickly changed. While originally envisioned as an expansion, Learning Together – Edenton Street Campus will open with 6 classrooms, and also serve as our temporary headquarters while we work to re-establish our main campus and classrooms. We are grateful to the leadership and congregation at Edenton Street United Methodist Church for their partnership and support.

Over our 50 year history, we have shown that we are resilient, yet we are now facing an immediate and significant financial impact from the loss of our main campus and classrooms. As childcare centers across the country struggle to remain open and retain staff, we made a commitment to pay our staff a living wage with benefits. We will not penalize our teachers for the effects of this incident by reducing their pay or benefits. We are maintaining full-time pay for the summer, even as they work part-time and even as our tuition income dropped significantly due to shifting to part-time care. Today's income is less than 5% of our current expenses and will remain so until October.

If you are in a position to help, please consider making a financial donation or donating an item from our wishlists. Every little bit helps right now.

The majority of our families receive some form of tuition subsidy. Wake County Public Schools provides tuition for the students we serve who have a diagnosed disability or delay. This reimbursement does not come until months after service has been provided and covers less than half the actual cost of care. **This creates even more of a financial strain as we need to set up 6 classrooms from scratch with less than 50% of tuition being paid upfront.** We do not have access to our campus or classrooms at the Crosby-Garfield Building on Lenoir Street and we cannot remove any of the furniture or learning materials there to use at our Edenton Street campus.

Thank you for caring about the children and families of Learning Together and supporting us during this difficult time. This is not the first time we have faced adversity and we know we will emerge stronger with your continued support.

With gratitude,

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