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INSIDERS SCOOP

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Durel Family children with Gary, the FC Cincinnati mascot, at Kickin' it For Kids fundraiser benefitting Foster Care



Hear directly from the pe



With All Families Represents Our Focus to Reach All Families Regardless of How They Are Put Together

Over the last several years we've relied on science and data to drive decisions about where our services are best deployed. With All Families joins the Beech Acres Parenting Center umbrella of services and represents the important work that is being done in the community through foster care and adoption, Kinship Connections, and the Parent Enrichment Program (PEP).

One family recently found themselves needing some additional parenting support and resources. Jenny and EJ were facing unexpected circumstances and didn't know where to turn for help...or even that help was available.

"Honestly it's a very humbling experience to ask for help and it hurts your heart as a parent to know that you can't supply something your child needs," Jenny* said.

Beech Acres Parenting Center was able to not only provide support for this family, but thanks to the generous contributions from our donors, we were able to provide immediate needs for this family including new bedding for the kids. "We needed all of these things very badly and there is no way we could have gotten them if you hadn't approved the grant for us." Jenny responded. ***"We want you to know we appreciate your help very, very much and we are extremely grateful for it."***

Parent ConnexT® Expands to Benefit Parents in the Workplace

Innovative strategies for helping parents face today's complex parenting challenges are core to our mission and vision. Parent ConnexT® is building on our success in pediatric offices by expanding into businesses searching for unique benefits for their employees who are also parents.

"We see our employees as a whole person and realize that things going on outside of work can affect their performance on the job. Parenting isn't easy, and we viewed this partnership as an opportunity to help enrich our employees outside of the workplace."
Victoria Hershberger, HR Manager, Integrity Express Logistics

The primary goal of Parent ConnexT® is to build relationships, whether that's with patient and doctor, employee and employer, or most importantly, parent and child.

"Thank you for helping me navigate parenting, while my daughter is wrestling with depression and the challenges of living in two homes. I have already recommended you to a friend. You have helped me so much that when my daughter hears that I'm doing something because of your recommendation, she listens more. She doesn't even know your name, she knows you as "the person who helped mom do a better job with her and her brother."



Scan to learn more about bringing this unique and powerful benefit to your workplace.

People YOU are supporting!



The Character Effect™ designated as a “Promising Approach” by the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)

Data-driven decision-making continues to inform our work and improve our programs. The Character Effect™ was required to meet strict criteria for inclusion in the CASEL Guide to Effective Social and Emotional Learning Programs. Our evaluation was conducted by the Miami University Community Research and Action Team and found that improvements in teacher burn-out and self-efficacy were associated with improvements in Social and Emotional Learning competence for their students.

The Character Effect™’s impact is perhaps best described by the teachers themselves: *“As an educator, I know there are a million barriers that our students can face, yet we only have so many tools in our toolkit. The Character Effect curriculum and coaching provides a “how-to” to address the self-regulation needs of all students.”*



Scan to read more about the rigors of CASEL accreditation and the Miami University study illustrating **students’ who participated in The Character Effect™ significantly improved state math and reading scores** compared students in the same district who did not participate.

DONOR SPOTLIGHT:
The Charles H. Dater Foundation Grants \$50,000 to Expand School-Based Mental Health and Support Services

CHARLES H. DATER FOUNDATION



Thank you to the Charles H. Dater Foundation for three years of funding for *Beyond the Classroom™* at Dater Montessori School! Recently, the Foundation awarded a \$50,000 grant to renew this school-based mental health and support program at Dater Montessori and bring *Beyond the Classroom* to five CISE (Catholic Inner-City Schools Education) schools during the 2021-22 school year.

Because of the support of the Charles H. Dater Foundation, 2,058 students and their families at these six schools in Greater Cincinnati received the support they needed to build resilience and thrive in school and life. Thank you!

“Corryville Catholic School is a special place. A huge reason for it being such a special place for students and families is Beech Acres and the services they offer. The opportunity to have mental health care services is an outstanding resource for young people and those who are helping to guide them. I am very grateful for the services offered to our students and their families! Beech Acres has positively impacted individuals and groups of students and families. What a gift! Thank you all.”
Corryville Catholic School Staff Member

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Changing the Trajectory Together

While many teachers and students are excited to wrap up another challenging school year, we're looking forward to

using the summer to plan and strategize to jump start the next school year in the fall. Students, teachers, and parents continue to navigate a "new normal" changed forever by the global pandemic, political divisiveness, and social, economic, and racial unrest. Yet, we continue to believe that Beech Acres Parenting Center needs to **be where parents are and where they need us most, whether in schools, pediatric offices, the workplace, and of course, in the community.** We are fortunate to hear directly from clients, customers and partners each day and wanted to share a few stories of impact in this *Insiders' Scoop*.

Thanks to your generous support, we continue to extend our reach into schools through Beyond the Classroom and The Character Effect™. Our teams provide vital support for families, including therapy, behavioral health support, and social and emotional infrastructure critical for families to thrive.

Your support enables us to continue important work in the community. **The need for foster**

parents continues to grow, as does the need to support caregivers raising loved ones' children, teen moms, solo parents, and those families facing financial hardships.

Lastly, your generosity fuels exciting innovation. Parents find themselves facing increasingly complex challenges and often don't know where to turn for help. Positioning our Parenting Specialists in pediatric offices and workplaces removes barriers for parents seeking help, empowering them to discover their families' strengths and improve their relationships with their children.

The challenges modern parents face aren't getting any easier, and they are not going away. But **together, we have the power to face these challenges head-on and change the trajectory for families** in the Greater Cincinnati region and beyond.

Thank you for your continued, unwavering support of parents, families, and children in the community.

Laura Mitchell
President & CEO

ON THE COVER: Kickin' it for Kids presented by TQL Foundation raises awareness and support for Foster Care

18 teams joined us at Reeves Golf Course on April 23 to enjoy a fun day of footgolf that raised over \$9,600 to provide critical wrap-around services for foster families in Cincinnati and Dayton. Kids and players were thrilled to meet Gary, the FC Cincinnati mascot, participate in fun activities, and enjoy a meal from Sweets and Meats BBQ.

We give a BIG thanks to all those who made the day possible:

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Finally, we are **grateful to BJ Durel and our committee members, board members, volunteers, and staff** for bringing together an amazing event. We thank FC Cincinnati for bringing Gary the Mascot and to those who donated team, raffle, and door prizes: TQL, FC Cincinnati, Dewey's Pizza, Sara Cooperrider and Taft Law Firm, Great American Insurance, and Christy Berning. We thank the Anderson High School's Theater Cast of Oliver for providing a wonderful performance and Reeves Golf Course for hosting us. **THANK YOU** to all who made this event possible!

