

1849

To provide loving care for hundreds of children left homeless after the cholera epidemic, the German Protestant Orphan Society opened their hearts and purses to build a residential home in Mt. Auburn, sowing family love stories for generations to come.



1900's

By the 1940's the Orphan Feast, a love-filled community annual fundraising effort featuring the biggest parade in Cincinnati, netting annually over \$50,000, attracting 80K visitors at its peak.



1948

A beautiful loving home takes root on a 60-acre farm in Anderson Township. Six cottages set around a grassy lawn encircled by stately beech trees, inspired both our new name and great hope for thousands of children to come.



1975

Beech Acres become a licensed foster / kinship care and adoption provider, growing loving connections across Cincinnati. Our success is rooted in a network of care: critical training, 24-hour on-call support, and unique matching that ensures a loving fit for families and their placements.



175
years

OF LOVING CONNECTIONS

2024

Whether we connect a child with their ideal foster or kinship home, help with their adoption into a forever family, or support a child reuniting with their bio parent, we grow lifetimes of love stories that shine light and hope into our collective futures.

It all starts with the children.

Throughout our long history of uplifting children and parents, Beech Acres has served as a community partner for essential resources, parenting tools, and wrap-around care.

From our parent coaching programs through our new Inclusion Services Consultancy to our social emotional learning platform in schools, we leverage the science of character strengths to help every individual be their best self every day.

In our ever-changing times, we equip all children and families with the support they need to thrive -- no matter their circumstance -- so that each may reach their endless potential,

building a stronger future for us all.



Currently serving over 28,000 individuals across Cincinnati...

We continue to nurture thousands of family love stories every day.

Beech Acres' 2024 response to the growing mental health crisis utilizes an **upstream approach** to fortify universal prevention strategies for thousands of students, parents and caregivers in Greater Cincinnati.

Our vision of a "system transformed" reflects a community that equips every family with the support and protective factors to yield resilience for overcoming life's challenges. We are rolling out innovative programs tied to community partnerships, such as:

1. Integrating our character strengths programming into the **Reds Youth Academy**;
2. Working with Children's Hospital to provide care and coaching to over 150 new and expectant moms at **Dohn Community High School**; and
3. Collaborating with the **Children's Theater of Cincinnati** to include character strengths activations within their teacher curriculum guides.

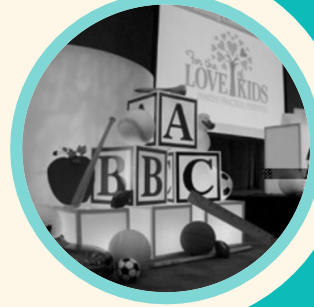
Our Programs

Foster Care / Kinship Care / Adoption Services

Parent Connex[®] Parent Coaching

Beyond the Classroom In-School Mental Health Services

The Character Effect[™] Social Emotional Learning



1999
Beech Acres Parenting Center hosted the For the Love of Kids[®] parenting conference from 1999 to 2011, bringing the wisdom of national and local parenting experts to hundreds of parents looking to help their children thrive.



2004 & 2017
We seeded in-school innovations to help children build self-love and confidence:
1. Beyond the Classroom student mental health services, and 2. The Character Effect, a flexible SEL curriculum based on character strengths.



2008 & 2016
Parents support grew into core offerings: 1. The Parent Enrichment Program in partnership with Hamilton County Job & Family Services, and 2. Parent Connex[®], 1:1 coaching to nurture loving family relationships despite everyday challenges.



2023
Beech Acres moved back downtown to better serve our diverse community needs, establishing welcoming offices at Elsinore Place and re-focusing on Prevention services to sow loving connections for generations to come.

