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175 Years of Caring
 **Beech Acres**
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STRONG families. STRONG future.

Please join me this year in celebrating Beech Acres' momentous **175th milestone anniversary**. As one of Cincinnati's longest legacy agencies, continuously helping children and caregivers thrive across the centuries, we are filled with gratitude for the unwavering support of donors like you who make this life-changing work possible.

It all starts with the children, ensuring each child receives a strong foundation of loving support.

For 175 years we have helped grow multi-generational love stories across Greater Cincinnati by connecting young people with caring adults able to nurture each child's endless potential.

This year we are focusing on prevention. Our response to the growing mental health crisis utilizes an upstream approach. 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 now prioritizing innovative programs designed to resolve issues holding children back at every stage of their development.

For example, with your support, at Dohn Community School we are helping young mothers complete their high school degrees and move closer toward achieving their maximum earning potential.

By partnering with organizations like the Reds Foundation and The Children's Theater of Cincinnati, we are reaching hundreds of new students with strength-based programming. You've also made it possible to help more foster families than ever receive essential training and licensing.

With humble appreciation, I offer up a congratulatory wow! Thank you for supporting Beech Acres' ongoing pursuit of meaningful and sustainable change.

Together we can help grow thousands of new family love stories across our region for decades to come.

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**Laura Mitchell
President & CEO**



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CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

Upon entering its 175th year of strengthening children and families, Beech Acres would like to acknowledge its historical roots and **decades of stewardship from the L & L Nippert Charitable Foundation**. Dating back to the mid 1900's, Judge Alfred K. Nippert was a prominent benefactor who supported construction of Beech Acres' Anderson campus, which transitioned more than 100 orphans from institutional living quarters

to individual cottages designed to feel like home. One of six cottages encircling the front yard where children notoriously played was named in his honor.

The L & L Nippert Charitable Foundation has carried on this philanthropic legacy, as reflected in its **ongoing support of Beech Acres' Parent Connex[®] program**. Partnering with multiple pediatric offices in the tri-state area, Parent Connex[®] offers

an early intervention strategy to identify and mitigate high levels of stress during well-child visits. Families identified as having challenges are connected to parenting specialists for education, resources, and guidance that promote the child's social and emotional well-being. Most recently, partnership with the L & L Nippert Charitable Foundation **enabled expansion into Clermont County and helped serve 2,200 individuals** through the Parent Connex[®] program.



The Ida C. Kayser Trust, Fifth Third Bank Trustee, Jones Family Trust, and Robert & Adele Schiff Family Foundation



PLANT A BEECH TREE & SHARE YOUR FAMILY'S LOVE STORY TO HELP SEED A STRONG FUTURE FOR US ALL.

Join our region-wide campaign to plant **175 Beech Family Trees** in celebration of family love stories across Cincinnati.

Whether it's the love between a bio or foster parent & their children, the love between siblings, or between grandparents and grandchildren, or even between lifelong friends, we want to honor the caring human connections at the heart of it all.

In partnership with local nonprofit Taking Root, this inspiring canopy of green will take root at local schools, parks, neighborhoods across the region. and even in your own backyard.

Help us spread awareness of our collective **"We Grow Love Stories"** mission by planting a tree in honor of your own family's love story and watch that love grow for generations to come.

It's a perfect gift for any occasion honoring the love that connects us all, while seeding a strong community of support.



175

YEARS

PARTNERSHIPS BUILT ON A STRATEGY OF PREVENTION



Dohn Community High School

At the Dohn Community High School, we are on site offering **deep interventions for more than 150**

young expectant or new moms.

Our innovative program gives them parenting skills, coaching, and support services so they can build the emotional and physical capacity needed to thrive and graduate high school. As we help these students harness their full earning potential, we are thankful for Cincinnati Children's Hospital's generous support and collaboration, providing essential parenting resources such as car seats and other invaluable new-parent supplies.



Cincinnati Children's



With support from **The Character Effect™**'s team, high school athletes across Cincinnati participated in a series of Reds youth workshops to improve social-emotional competence, helping them show up as their best selves both on AND off the field.

Parenting is hard work - especially for teenage parents! We're partnering with Rosemary's Babies Co. to deliver **mental health screening and counseling to teen parents**, for improved health among both families and babies. Thanks to the United Way and bi3's Black Empowerment Works program for funding this unique collaboration.



ROSEMARY'S BABIES



In partnership with CYC's Good Jobs Challenge, mentors, mentees and community partners explored how **strengths, mindfulness, and being intentional** can support them in their unique career paths.

The Children's Theatre OF CINCINNATI

We've created strength-based activities to accompany showtime! **Meaningful interactions** helped students make connections between the main character's top strengths and their own.



WORD PLAY

We are partnering with WordPlay Cincinnati to deliver a **best-practice suicide**

intervention program in several of the partner schools, helping marginalized youth and their families by maintaining a brave space to discuss a heart-breaking but necessary topic.

WE GROW LOVE STORIES

Visit beechacres.org/families-stories/ for heart-warming love stories like that of the Johnsons, who **embraced foster care as a way to grow their family**. With two children already adopted and a baby girl to be adopted next year, this loving band call themselves the Johnson 5!



TWO families; ONE love story

Foster parents dig deep to share their love even when the road gets rocky. Karen and Brad loved their foster children, and also knew the best place for them was with their mom, Gina. They actively grew a loving relationship with Gina that led to a joyful reunification. "I'm so happy and thankful," Gina said!

“The Garrisons are now part of our forever family.”



New Record 129 Licensed Foster Care Homes

This incredible milestone not only reflects the dedication of our passionate community but also signifies a **brighter future for countless children** who will now have the opportunity to thrive in nurturing environments. Our heartfelt gratitude to all who made this possible!

The Beyond the Classroom™ team at Sayler Park Elementary organized a **Holiday Support Program**, providing 32 families with wrapped gifts for the children. Gift cards, hygiene items, and household products were also collected for adults, serving 142 individuals. Thank you to Beech Acres families &

friends, community members, Charcuterie Boards by Connor, Eden Chapel, and Beacon Ortho of Harrison for making it possible.

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM™

NEWS THAT MAKES US STRONG



Local 12 health anchor, Liz Bonis, turned to Beech Acres for expertise on youth mental health in schools. Our team joined Liz for her **Kids and Mental Health Town Hall** after being featured on her **What's Happening in Health** show. We shared how Beech Acres provides on-site **school-based support that helps straighten mental wellness for students, parents, and teachers**.



We are the proud recipients of **Cincy Magazine's 2024 Nonprofit Awards for Foster Care Placement**, celebrating our passionate and tireless team.



Congressman Greg Landsman joined us at our regional youth mental health forum in September, where he offered support for **expanding access to mental health prevention**, screening, and early intervention. We thank the congressman for adding his name to our call for upstream strategies to address the mental health crisis in the lives of children today.

Kinship care providers needed!

THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER

Victoria Jamison, our Director of Prevention services, published an OpEd in the Cincinnati Enquirer to **raise awareness about kinship care**—extended family or non-relative adults caring for children who would typically enter foster care. Her advocacy encouraged more families to consider this vital service, while reminding current kinship providers about support available to them.

Beech Acres' Kerry Brown has been a regular guest with Sheree Paoello and Ashley Kirklen on WLWT News 5, sharing **parenting guidance** from Parent Connex[®].



Always timely, from back-to-school challenges to holiday stress, her interviews spread practical parenting wisdom across Greater Cincinnati.



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