

PHILANTHROPY UPDATE

BACK TO SCHOOL

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Dear Friend,

The evidence has been mounting for decades: Programs that help children learn and grow in their earliest years can change the trajectories of their lives. Unfortunately for many, quality childcare is unaffordable and often hard to find. Access to quality childcare is important for everyone, but especially important for children in families living near or below the federal poverty threshold who often face barriers to success from the day they are born. Without quality care, children aren't properly prepared to enter Kindergarten, and they can spend most of their time in school playing "catch-up."

According to the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning, "for every dollar invested in early childhood programs, more than two dollars is circulated throughout local economies." Increased access to quality childcare also results in a decreased crime rate, increased high school graduation rate, and higher wages in adulthood.



LutherCare is committed to improving the lives of children and families throughout Lancaster and Lebanon counties by providing reliable and quality care that prepares children for success.

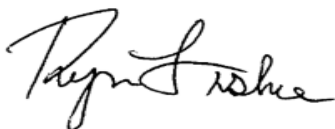
Children in need of scholarships are preparing to come back to LutherCare's Early Learning Centers after the summer break. **Will you help them by making a special gift today? A gift of any size will make a lasting difference in the lives of local families.**

During a recent site visit and interview, Lee Gibson (pictured left) told me how she lives out

LutherCare's mission as the Center Director at LutherCare for Kids – Reamstown. Lee has served with us for 13 years and entered childcare because she understands the importance of investing in our kids. She knows that they'll grow up into influential community leaders and shape the future of our home towns. To watch the whole interview, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQJf8Gc1LMI&t=7s>.

Your support makes it possible for caregivers like Lee to continue investing in the future of Lancaster and Lebanon counties.

Gratefully,



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