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Children, Inc. Partners with Peaslee to Strengthen Early Childhood Education in Over-the-Rhine

Cincinnati, OH – Peaslee Neighborhood Center in Over-the-Rhine has opened its doors for a partnership with Children, Inc. to sustain high quality early childhood education to the community. This early learning center provides quality learning experiences to prepare children for kindergarten. Children are engaged in arts, music and gardening activities to foster balanced growth. The center holds a 3-star rating from Ohio’s Step Up to Quality rating system, ensuring smaller child-to-staff ratios, higher credentials for staff, quality curriculum, and other measures associated with good outcomes for children.

Peaslee Executive Director Jennifer Summers says, “Peaslee is excited to come together with a new community partner to sustain and grow our educational impact in OTR. Children Inc.’s commitment to the highest quality early childhood education for families with limited incomes is longstanding and impressive. ”

In December, Peaslee Neighborhood Center will enter its 30th year as an educational and community resource offering piano instruction, African drumming, community mentoring, service learning, writing circles for girls and women and community space for 7 other nonprofit organizations engaged in education and advocacy work in the community.

“Children, Inc. is honored to be invited into this partnership,” says Children, Inc. Executive Director Rick Hulefeld. “Peaslee is a community gem, as well as a rock-solid support for many families; we look forward to building with this organization.”

Children, Inc. assumed management of Early Learning Center operations on September 15 of this year, and will transition into full licensure in the upcoming months under the leadership of new director Tiffany Tucker. Children, Inc. also operates other Cincinnati-based programs under Denise Steward, Director of Children, Inc.’s Ohio Operations: VISIONS Early Learning Center in the West End, and both an extended preschool and after school program at Pleasant Ridge Montessori. For more information about those programs, call (513) 381-2378.

Children, Inc., a United Way Agency Partner, provides high quality, readily accessible child care, preschool and school-aged education programs with an emphasis on family success. Founded in 1977 in Northern Kentucky as an early childhood learning center, Children, Inc. has become an innovative network of education and development centers with additional built-in resources such as: home-based visitation for young mothers, service learning programs, professional resources and training, advocacy, and research-based music production. Learn more at www.childreninc.org.

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