

Capital Goal Reaches 92% —  
 Help Us Finish!

**Groundbreaking Held – Construction Begins!**

NDNCC has raised \$697,000, leaving just \$60,000 to reach our goal of \$757,300 to ensure the crucial improvements for our children. Individuals, corporations, small business and foundations have been very generous and we are so appreciative for our children and their families.

With over 92% of the goal reached, Campaign volunteers and staff are making final requests for support from a wide variety of donors to finish the campaign. “Our children need the improved safety and educational environment this campaign will provide,” said Cathy Wojewodzki and Charlene Benson, Campaign Co-Chairs.

Meeting the goal will have a real impact on better serving our children. Expanded space to allow confidential developmental assessments of children and family counseling, kitchen renovations to



improve daily food service feeding 160 children breakfast and lunch every day; a more secure building, new and improved playground equipment to encourage

the physical development of our children, and renovated classrooms to provide a stimulating

environment to learn are just some of the many improvements that will expand the Center’s capacity to provide quality services to our children and their families.

Groundbreaking was held November 20th with our children in yellow hard-hats digging the first dirt. Construction started December 1st.

We need your help to reach our campaign goal. Contributions are tax deductible. Please send your contributions to NDNCC, 921 Barksdale Rd. Newark, DE 19711 or go to our Web site at [www.newarkdaynursery.org](http://www.newarkdaynursery.org).

Did You Know?

- New DE Child Care Regulations mandate higher teacher education levels and lower ratios start date: 2007
- “Quality teaching contributes more to children’s achievement than any other single factor” (Noble, Audrey Ph.D. Transforming Early Childhood Education in Delaware: Building Foundations of Change for Vision 2015 Conference)
- “Programs have difficulty hiring qualified teachers” (2008 DE Early Childhood Council Call to Action)
- 2008 DE Reimbursement of NDNCC to serve low-income children: Less than 50% of our cost!
  - Average DE childcare worker hourly wage: \$9.92
  - Average DE Hairdresser hourly wage: \$13.08

(Source: Dept. of Labor “DE Wages 2007”)

**ANYONE SEE A PROBLEM??**

## PNC Grant Enables African Dance Troup to Return



Newark Day children were thrilled to experience again on Nov. 11th the return of THULA SIZWE, a South African Zulu song and dance performance group on tour through the United States. Our children swayed and danced to the soothing, upbeat native African songs, and jumped with delight at the beating of drums. Without any encouragement, our children showed their joy and thankfulness by running up and giving hugs to the men of the dance troupe. The troupe members later ate lunch with the children in their classrooms.

We appreciate PNC's generosity for providing the support for this culturally diverse opportunity for the children of this community.

## Summer Camp 2008

The staff of Summer Camp at NDNCC want to take a moment to thank the parents,



performers, and community members who made our camp so amazing this year. Parent satisfaction survey responses ranked this as the most successful year to date! Thank you to Delaware Art Museum, Delaware Natural History Museum, and Denise Divacca of Stars on the Move for all your talents, support, and

flexibility. We are already planning for next year's fun! Hope to see you all there!

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## Music Program at NDNCC

Newark Day Nursery and Children's Center is thrilled to have started another school year in partnership with the University of Delaware Community Music program. "Mr. Brian" has returned to work with our Pre-school, Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten classes to help them learn about such topics as rhythm, pitch, and notes as well as different styles of music. We are fortunate



enough to have the opportunity to utilize Brian Bersh's talents with our younger friends, too. The Infants, Tweenies and Toddlers are included with Mr. Brian's "instruction" and all around FUN!! They LOVE it & watching their little friends bop around is great for all!

## Apple Grant Sends NDNCC Campers to Delaware Art Museum

Our Summer Campers had a great additional field trip this year to the Delaware Art Museum — thanks to an "Apple" Grant sponsored by the Art Museum.

The generosity allowed all NDNCC campers to travel and enjoy the art work and museum itself. It was something a little different. The children gave favorable reviews for the experience and it was a nice addition to "The Finer Things" week of Camp at NDNCC.



## Teaching "Green"

Always seeking new ways to teach our children, NDNCC teachers asked why we did not have a recycling program to help teach our children by example about caring for our environment. Spearheaded by our Pre-K teacher, Ms. Autumn Labanoski, our recycling program started this summer with a new partnership with Green Delaware Recycling, LLC. Green



Delaware Recycling provides waste management consulting to small businesses interested in recycling programs. Children and staff fill recycling containers, talk about ways to keep our world (and our building) green, and Green Delaware Recycling helps manage removal of a significant volume of material each week.

"Now, our kids can practice taking care of our world every day, not just during Earth Week once a year," said Ms. Autumn.

## After School Clubs

Another school year has begun at our School Age Program at NDNCC and with it comes the excitement of a new semester of after school clubs. Our after school clubs give students a chance to explore interests that they otherwise may not get to explore. They are able to learn a new skill or support their academic and social growth. This term the students have chosen three clubs: Cooking, Model Making, and Art. The clubs will run for eight weeks. We are all excited about these new opportunities. If you can help our club program, by donating art, cooking, or modeling supplies, please let us know. If you have a skill or a talent to share with our clubs, the students always love a guest teacher!



## WSFS Supports Early Literacy

NDNCC children from toddler to kindergarten now have new and expanded opportunities for language development in our classrooms — from engaging stories to excite children about learning to read



to books that encourage letter recognition in our classrooms or learning new customs and cultures. The over 70 hardback books made a significant expansion of our Children's library and were made possible through a grant from WSFS supporting our early literacy curriculum. Thanks WSFS for helping our children learn!



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The Newark Day Nursery and Children's Center is dedicated to providing the highest quality early childhood and school age services to educate, enrich, and inspire children and youth from culturally and economically diverse families.

## Join Us for NDNCC Wine Tasting Fundraiser

Friday, December 19, 6:00–9:00 PM • \$20/person

Deerfield Fine Wines  
Shoppes at Louviers  
Paper Mill Road  
Newark, Delaware 19711  
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Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at NDNCC or at Deerfield Fine Wines.

*Free bottle of Italian sparkling wine with ticket purchase.*

Proceeds will benefit scholarship fund for low-income children and needed curriculum materials.



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