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A Look Inside MAKING EACH CHILD FEEL SAFE

Asking for help is perhaps the bravest thing a parent can do. Most families who come to the Nursery for the first time have been alone and struggling with issues like extreme poverty, homelessness, mental health issues, and domestic violence. They reach out because they want a better life for their children, and at the Nursery they find a place where someone will walk alongside them as they work to strengthen their family. **So, what is it like coming to the Nursery?**



Families follow a cheerfully landscaped walkway into the Nursery.



After a warm welcome, we talk with the family about their needs, goals, and how they would like their child cared for while staying at the Nursery. It's important that parents are recognized as the experts of their own child - no one knows a child better than their parent.



Children eat six times a day - three delicious meals and three energy boosting snacks. Sometimes it's hard for a scared or stressed child to have an appetite, so we make sure they have plenty of opportunities for healthy meals and snacks



The outdoor playgrounds are a fan favorite!

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The only thing a parent needs to bring to the Nursery is their child's medications. They don't need to worry about packing an overnight bag - we provide everything including clothes, pajamas, coats, mittens, swimsuits, and more. Children get to pick out their own clothes – it's a way to give them autonomy and a sense of control even when they're away from home. You see a lot of sparkle shoes, colorful outfits, and even tutus around the Nursery.



We encourage children to play together, but we honor what makes each child most comfortable, whether they prefer to play with others or on their own.



Fun, age-appropriate crafts promote creative play and are hung on the walls, making spaces feel happy and bright. Children love taking their art projects home and proudly share them with their parent.



Cozy beds and bedtime routines are designed to make each child feel safe and cared for. We follow the bedtime routines they are used to at home to provide a sense of consistency. The Nursery is staffed overnight, with caring professionals ready to help with anything a child may need.



Snuggling and reading are often a big part of evenings at the Nursery.

VOLUNTEER ANNIVERSARIES

The Nursery wouldn't be what it is without our incredible volunteers. We want to recognize the following people celebrating anniversaries. Thank you for the time, love, and dedication you've given the Nursery over the years. We are so grateful for you!

CHILD CARE

25 YEARS

Amy Teare

20 YEARS

Barbara Bentley

15 YEARS

Carol Dunn

Bernice Maehren

10 YEARS

Abigail Botten

Jolene Botten

Stacey Herlofsky

Amber McCalla

Lauren Mueller

Marie Prevetti

Cathy Urdahl

5 YEARS

Katie Bachman

Mary Baumgartner

Shauna Brookins

Ashley Cordero

Kali Cruttenden

Brie Domke

Meghan DuPont

Josie Eichers

Naomi Fenske

Toni Fluke

Phil Grove

Mary Harvey

Heather Johnson

Erin Jones

Grace Kirkpatrick

Jen Klise

Leanne Radosevich

Erin Rivard

Andrea Schleicher

Marla Seper

Kathy Shun

Fred Silver

Linda Singh

Elayne Sommers

Mary Swanson

Sara Tait

Lisa Williams

Tom Zell

COOK FOR KIDS

20 YEARS

St. Mary of the Lake

Church of St. Joan of Arc Bentley

15 YEARS

Faegre Drinker

Haagen-Dazs

Trinity Lutheran Church Long Lake

Dawn Uremovich

10 YEARS

Monica and Darren Eckberg

Grace Kelly

Olivier

Target - Trend & Design

5 YEARS

Cargill Working Mothers' Network

Renee and Todd Cavegn

Carol Coomer

Amy Diesen

Carol Dunn

EHS Hospitality Class

Enkel Foundation

Emma Ericksen

Exchange Club of East Minneapolis

First Free Church

First Free Evangelical - S.A.L.T.

Toni Fluke

Fraser Pediatric Therapy

Kristin and Mark Frego

Meki Garvey

Genentech

General Mills Foundation

General Mills NAR SD

General Mills W2

Girl Scout Troop #16555

Carole Hackenberg

Highland Banks

Crreane Hodgeman

Nancy and Jim Husnik

Immaculate Heart of Mary -

Young Adult Ministry

5 YEARS continued

Lisa Irvin and Matt Grimes

Johnson & Johnson

Junior League of Minneapolis

Kiwanis Club of St. Anthony

Julie Knapp

Laurie and Larry Krause

Trisha and Steven London

Minnetonka Moccasin

Mortenson Civic Group

New Hope Women of Today

OPTUM

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PNC Financial Services Group

Cheryl Ravich

Robbinsdale Parkway UCC Youth Group

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Maija Schmelzer

Michael and Emily Scribner-O'Pray

Michael and Rosa Seim

Katie Smith

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Target Design Team

Maya and Peter Tester

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United Health Group

University of MN Medical School

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University of St. Thomas Delta Sigma Pi

Cathy and Mark Urdahl

US Bank Data Protection and Privacy

Katherine Waymire

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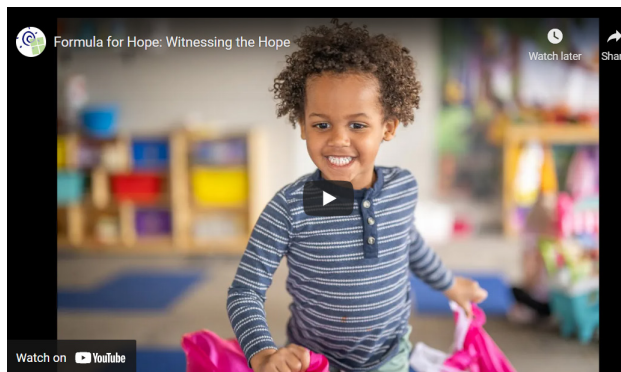


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Thanks to everyone who participated in, attended, or donated to this year's annual Formula for Hope luncheon! We had a beautiful afternoon alongside the river at the Nicollet Island Pavilion, where supporters learned how families receive support, resources, and partnership during their challenging times.

Want to see the power of your commitment to children and families?

Point your smart phone at the QR code below to watch a video that's sure to put a smile on your face.



CRAFT CORNER: BANANA ROLL UP

Here's a quick, healthy snack that your kids can make themselves, or depending on their age, with a little help from an adult.

Ingredients:

- 1 small 100% whole wheat flour tortilla
- 1 large banana, peeled
- 1-2 tablespoons of peanut butter

Instructions:

1. Use the back of a spoon to spread peanut butter over one side of the tortilla
2. Place peeled banana at one end and roll it up
3. Slice into eight pieces

Summertime tip: pop it in the freezer for a cool treat!

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