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Children's programs

Our Pine Street Enrichment Program continues to grow with the help of our Executive Director, Sharon Chester, and Head of Children's Services, Tammy Washington.



This fall we opened a new PreK program to serve 3,4 and young 5 year olds for a morning program Monday through Thursday. We are thankful to the J2W foundation for funding this effort.

We continue to operate our After School Program for children ages 5 to 13.

Any child attending Choptank, Sandy Hill, Maple or

Maces Lane school can be dropped off in front of the Empowerment Center after school. Children must be picked up by parents by 5:30.

Upcoming events:

Halloween activities sponsored by CEC and the Progressive of Dorchester Temple #224 will be held at the Elks, Oct. 31st 6PM-8PM

Nov. 9 – Open House 1:00P to 4:00P Drop in –



Come by and see what we are all about. There will be light refreshments and all the community is welcome.

Nov. 12 **Pre Holiday Senior Celebration** at the Progressive Dorchester Elks #224 10A-1:30P

Dec. 7 **Brunch with Santa** 11A to 1:00P – this will be held at the Elks on Pine Street. For ages 3 to 12.

Board Member Updates:

We are happy to announce that we have three new members of our Board

Thornette Lee joined us in April. She recently retired from a successful 34 year career with the federal government. Thorrnette is currently the Member Services Director for the Chamber of Commerce in Cambridge.

Tom Long also joined us in April. He retired from Emory University, where he was Bandy Professor of Preaching at Candler School of Theology. Tom is one of the most popular preachers in the United States today and the author of many theological books.

Emma Pinkett joined in September. Emma has 25 years experience with the Dorchester Public Schools including Principal of Choptank Elementary School and the Coordinator of the Judy Center.

Leslie Bishop, our secretary for 6 years, resigned in August to better serve her wonderful organization Meals Til Monday and to have more time for her family. However, we know that we will continue to work closely with her and MtM.

One of our **goals for the next year** is to collaborate more often with our Cambridge partners for Children's activities as well as Senior services.

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Thank You for our Grants and Donations!

This Program exists because of you!!

The Board and Staff of the Cambridge Empowerment Center would like to thank everyone who makes our programs possible.

Grants:

Baxt Foundation Dorchester Elk Lodge #223 J2W Foundation Progressive of Dorchester #224 Women and Girls Fund Bondservants Dorchester Health Department Partners in Giving The Nathan Foundation Bryan Brothers Grayce B. Kerr Fund Serenity Hearts The Todd Foundation

We additionally thank our many individuals, churches, and businesses for your small and large donations.



You can help too! Visit our website to add your support. We really appreciate your help in supporting each of our precious children.

New Pre-K Enrollment Information! Just \$25 to reserve your space. Then it's FREE!

What You Need to Know

Our Pre-K program serves ages 3, 4, and young 5 year olds. Sept - May

Hours and Days: Monday through Thursday 9am - 12 noon

Have you signed up? Lets keep our kids safe.

Please bring proof of age (Birth Certificate) Copy of Immunization Records Copy of recent physical \$25 Non-Refundable Registration Fee



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Compare Us to Others

We meet MSDE licensing requirements Licensed Child Care provider by the State of Maryland

Qualified and Professional Staff

We carefully choose appropriate classroom group sizes to achive the best Staff/ Child ratios

earning Environment to Get Excited and Have Fun!

We love to help our kids learn and work to enrich their lives.

Nutritious Meals and Snacks We make sure that they have a nutritious Breakfast and Lunch. Children can't learn if they are hungry.