



Friends Center for Children General Operating Fund

Gifts to our general fund help Friends Center provide support to the families in our community. Children, parents and teachers are all impacted by these gifts. Many have expressed their gratitude and experiences. Here are a few of their stories:

Our son was immensely happy to go to Friends Center every day, The teachers, the facility, the social interactions with all members, the love he received from everyone, the quality instruction, the structure and life lessons will prevail for many years to come. He was loved as he is loved at home. The Quaker values and principles were impactful to his social wellbeing. The independence in every classroom and the liberty he had during the day have really helped him on his day to day interactions. Exploration and outdoor experiences are his most vivid memories, ones he still recalls and tell us about. His life has been enriched during his time at Friends Center. We are extremely grateful. Please continue educating the mind and hearts of our beautiful children. Thank you to all staff in general, thank you for the welcoming environment, thank you for being in New Haven. - Henry Villegas

When the Sims family thinks of Friends Center, we think of family and love. The past two years have been a wonderful experience for us. The transition from home to a new environment for Skye was very difficult for the first few months. She would experience high anxiety at drop off time in the morning. Her teachers taught her about the different feelings your body can experience and how to deal with them. She was taught that it is ok to say I need space right now to deal with feelings. The entire staff was always supportive to my husband and me, ensuring us that if we needed support they were here for us. Our daughter left Friends Center very prepared for kindergarten due to the excellent preparation from the teaching staff. We can't thank you enough for all the support you have given us during our time at Friends Center. - Tameka and Glenn Sims

86
children
337
parents and
siblings

15
board members

31 teachers
and staff

7 education and
social work interns

5 community
volunteers

1,038
community
members at
Fair Haven
Family Stroll