



**CHILDREN'S CENTERS**  
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

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A close-up photograph of a child's hand, with fingers slightly curled, holding a small red plastic figure (resembling a person) on a sandy surface. Another similar figure is visible in the background to the right.

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# IMPACT REPORT

Educating and caring for children in a safe and nurturing environment is tremendously important to the University of Michigan, enhancing the ability of our faculty, students and staff to contribute to the university community while pursuing their academic and professional goals.

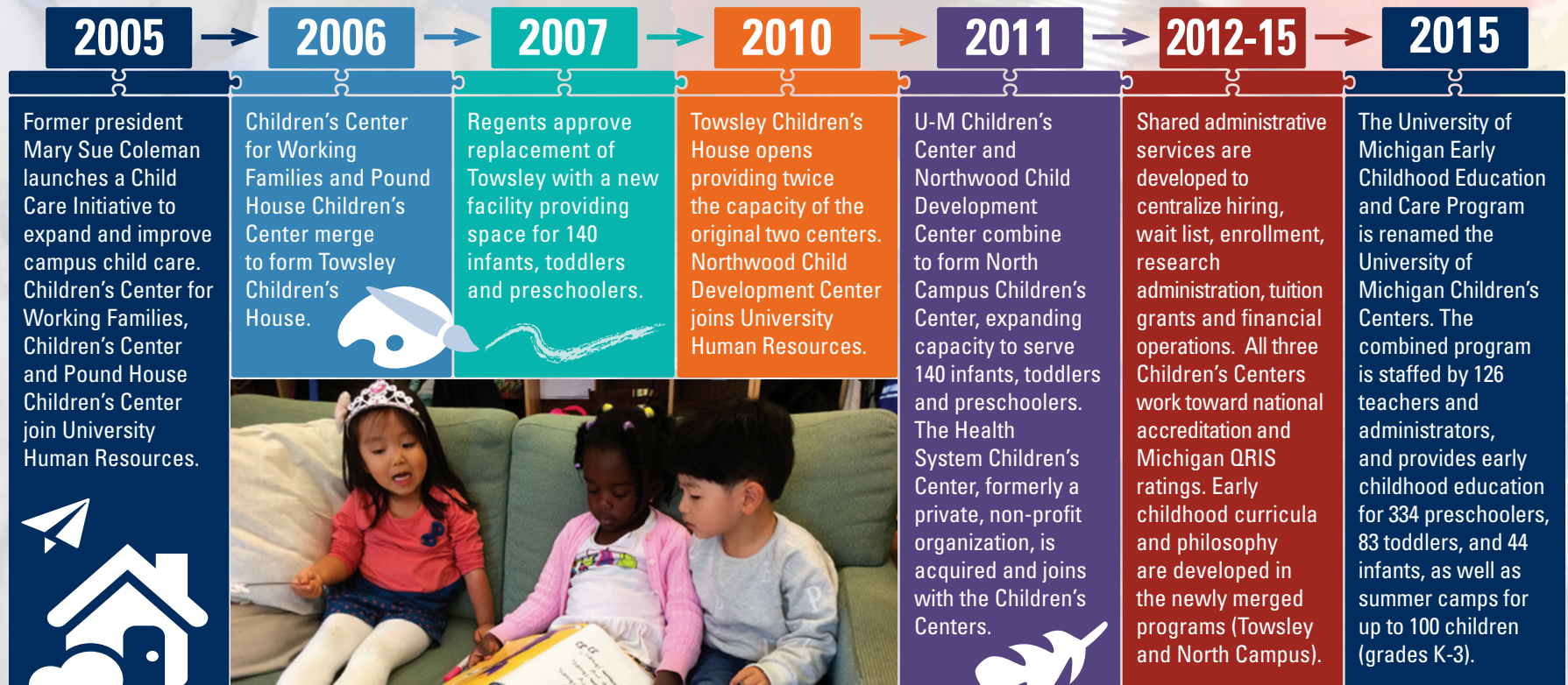
Since the founding of the first University of Michigan Children's Center in 1983, the Children's Centers have supported the university's teaching, research and service missions by providing exemplary early childhood education, participating in academic research projects and delivering courses on child development to undergraduates.

Thank you for supporting this proud tradition of excellence. Your support helps us improve our facilities, support teacher professional development, fund special projects and make enrollment in our Centers possible for low-income students, faculty and staff.






# A DECADE OF MAKING A DIFFERENCE











# HOW YOUR SUPPORT MAKES THE MICHIGAN DIFFERENCE

## TUITION SUPPORT

Child Care Tuition Grants provided by the Office of the Provost make it possible for qualifying students, staff and faculty members to enroll their children in the Children's Centers. "My family is thankful for those who supported this program," writes J.P., a research fellow in Biomedical Engineering, "The child care tuition grant made it affordable for my daughter to attend North Campus Children's Center."

"One of the main reasons why I decided to attend the University of Michigan," says A.O, a graduate student at the Ford School of Public Policy, "is because of the resources available for student parents—like the Child Care Tuition Grant and Child Care Subsidy."

The Women's Faculty Club contributed scholarships to the Children's Centers in 2013 and 2014, helping even more families with the cost of tuition.

## FUNDING CREATIVITY

An auction of children's artwork at the Towsley Children's House raised funds for the purchase of durable outdoor building blocks that spur innovation and discovery.

The Health System Children's Center Annual Art Auction raised funds for the purchase of a water table for summer fun. In addition to the children's art work, each classroom put together themed baskets for auction and Argentinian artist, Daniella Miceli donated original artwork.

North Campus Children's Center families attending an exhibit of their children's work raised \$1,300 to purchase a potter's wheel and tools and fund visiting artists.

A fund created in honor of Polly Cuthbert, a beloved former Children's Center teacher, provided iPads for every classroom at the Towsley Children's House. iPads helped the teachers document the children's development, share information with parents, and incorporate music and storytelling in their teaching. iPads are now used in all three Children's Centers.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Thank you to our generous donors who helped us to raise over \$1,000 in contributions on Giving Blue Day. These funds will support the cost of three teachers attending the Michigan Association for the Education of Children Annual Conference in Grand Rapids.

## AND MORE

A veterinary bill was generously paid for by Andrea, Kevin, Ella and Michael McVeigh so that the pet bunny at North Campus Children's Center could be adopted and cared for.

A touring buggy donated to the North Campus Children's Center by the Farell family enables outdoor exploration for infants and toddlers.

These are just a small sample of the many ways that your generosity helps the Children's Centers provide outstanding early childhood education to foster confidence, competence, creativity and lifelong learning.



# IMPACT STATS

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Centers of excellence: Health System Children's Center, North Campus Children's Center, Towsley Children's House all serving infants, toddlers and preschoolers

45

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School-age summer camps for children in grades K-3

126

Teachers, assistant teachers and administrative staff make a difference every day by delivering excellence through formative early childhood education experiences

Countries of origin of families and staff contribute to the global diversity of our programs



19

Schools and Colleges represented by the families of children enrolled in our programs

9,800

Hours of hands-on classroom experience provided annually to train the teachers of tomorrow

12



Research projects from schools of Kinesiology, Education, Medicine, Nursing and Psychology

50

Tuition grants awarded annually, supporting low income faculty, staff and students with the cost of care

664

Faculty, students and staff supported in the pursuit of their academic, research and professional careers during the 2015-16 year

Children advantaged annually by child-focused education experiences that build the foundation for lifelong learning

505





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# THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you for your continuing support of our commitment to provide formative early childhood education experiences that foster lifelong learning and a positive sense of self, others and the world.

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