

LPCFC Winter Newsletter



Message from LPCFC Board of Directors

As we round the corner from one of the most challenging times we have faced, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, we write to you with hope, optimism, and thanks. Hope that the worst of the COVID-19 virus is behind us. Optimism that the Lincoln Park neighborhood will begin to thrive again soon, and thanks for your efforts to help keep our neighborhood safe and healthy.

Health, safety, and looking out for each other are the most important assets we have as a community. We encourage our families to continue these efforts, providing mutual support to each other in these difficult times.

We are invested in reducing the number of COVID-19 cases in our community and we ask everyone to continue to follow guidelines from the State of Minnesota. These strategies will help reduce the transmission of COVID while we wait for the vaccine to become available. Let's do our part for a little while longer to successfully round this corner as we enter post-COVID days.



Program 2020 Report Out and Updates

Big Red Bookshelf

Despite the challenges our Big Red Bookshelf program faced due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we were able to raise \$3200 to purchase new books. In 2020, over 1500 books were donated by community members. We gave out all of these books including over 300 books in total to Duluth Head Start, local daycares, and a drive-by Holiday Party organized by AFL-CIO/United Way.

Circle of Security

In 2020, 12 people graduated from in person classes pre-pandemic and 28 people graduated from 8 online classes, offered via Zoom, during the pandemic, for a total of 40 people who graduated from the Circle of Security parenting classes that we offered. These classes were made possible with funding by [Southern St. Louis County Family Services Collaborative](#) and [Mardag Foundation](#). We will continue to offer classes online throughout 2021, people who are interested can learn more on our [Circle of Security](#) information webpage. People can register to take the class [here](#).

LPCFC ChildCare

In 2020, we had 24 children participate in our LPCFC ChildCare program and over 10 volunteers participated in programming. We received our 3-star rating from [Parent Aware](#) in 2020 and thanks to funding from the City of Duluth, [ChildCare Aware](#), [Community Action Duluth](#), the State of Minnesota, and St. Louis County, we were able to operate during the pandemic. Please check out this [press release](#) for more information. We are currently providing childcare on a flexible schedule, from 6AM-6PM Monday-Friday and have several preschool age openings. Parents have the option of signing children up for full time, part time, or drop-in care. For more information about enrolling, call LPCFC ChildCare at 218-464-0588.



Supervised Visitation

In 2020, we hosted 79 families and 142 children in our Supervised Visitation program. We hosted a total of 955 visits at our space or out in the community, with 77 of those visits hosted virtually. We transported children or caregivers 293 times to and/or from their visits with us. We renewed our contract with St. Louis County for 2021 and will continue operating this essential programming.

Health POWER

We were selected to contract with the Center for Prevention at Blue Cross and Blue Shield Minnesota to participate in the Health POWER (People Organizing and Working for Equitable Results) funding initiative. This initiative supports community driven solutions to reduce health inequities. LPCFC organized a canvass of the Lincoln Park neighborhood in 2020 and a report out of what we learned can be found [here](#). A report of our work in Year 1 of this project was created by Wilder Research and can be found [here](#). In 2021, we are hosting paid trainings related to community organizing and coalition building that will build strong leadership and create Policy, Systems, and Environmental change in the Lincoln Park neighborhood.





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