

RESOLUTION NUMBER 11
CORNERSTONE CENTER FOR EARLY LEARNING

WHEREAS, Cornerstone Center for Early Learning is celebrating 50 years of serving children and families according to its mission: To provide quality, comprehensive, and affordable childcare and preschool education in a nurturing, creative environment for St. Louis-area families of all economic backgrounds.

WHEREAS, Cornerstone Center for Early Learning was founded in 1969 in the Shaw neighborhood by a group of churches who recognized the need for income-based childcare and was the first accredited early learning center in the city of St. Louis;

WHEREAS, in 2018, Cornerstone served 204 children from 170 families; ages 6 weeks to 5 years; 41% from working families with annual income under \$20,000; 62% under \$30,000; 45% pay no tuition per state income guidelines; 12% pay \$1 – \$25 week; and 52% of the children were African American; 32% Caucasian; 10% Multi-racial; 5% Hispanic; 1% Other.

WHEREAS, Cornerstone has filled a vital need on the southside of St. Louis for 50 years, and should be commended for their loving and excellent care for their children and families, their dedication to their mission, and its unparalleled reputation for nonprofit child care and educational excellence with endorsements, accreditations, and awards from the United Way of Greater St. Louis, The Better Business Bureau, Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis, and Y.W.C.A. Head Start.

WHEREAS, Cornerstone Center for Early Learning will celebrate 50 years of service at its 25th Celebration for Children on Saturday, April 27th at Windows on Washington

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED by the Board of Alderman of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to celebrate Cornerstone Center for Early Learning's 50 years of service to St. Louis, and recognize the impact Cornerstone has on their children and families and for their contributions to the City of St. Louis, and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution in the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a copy to be presented to our honoree at their 25th Celebration for Children on Saturday, April 27th at Windows on Washington.

Introduced this day 26th day of April, 2019, by:

Honorable Annie Rice, Alderwoman 8th Ward

Adopted this 26th day of April, 2019, as attested by: