

# EDUCATION is the PASSPORT to the FUTURE



## ANNUAL REPORT

FY 24 - July, 2023 - June 30, 2024





## OUR MISSION

To provide a comprehensive, high-quality early childhood program designed to give all young children, regardless of their family's financial resources, a strong foundation on which to build the rest of their lives.





## LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friend,

At Falls Church-McLean Children's Center, every day's a journey filled with discovery, growth, and joyful learning. As we reflect on this past year, our theme, **Education is the Passport to the Future**, has never felt more true.

This year, we celebrated both innovation and legacy. In spring 2024, we proudly earned reaccreditation from the **National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**, continuing a tradition we've upheld since 1987. The process reaffirmed our commitment to excellence and highlighted our faculty's strong collaboration, reflection, and growth mindset.

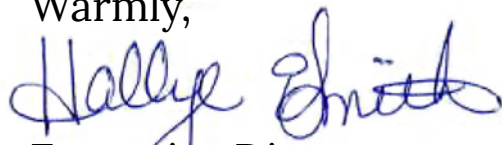
We also embraced innovation through **Mathematizing Our World, a partnership with George Mason University** that helps children build early math skills through observation, inquiry, and hands-

on exploration. After nearly two years of planning and fundraising, we opened our **new toddler playground**—a safe, engaging space made possible by the generosity of private philanthropy.

Our families and staff come from around the world, bringing diverse perspectives that enrich our classrooms and strengthen our community. FCMLCC has always been a place where children gain the tools and the confidence to explore what lies ahead. We are proud to help them begin that journey, passport in hand.

On behalf of all at FCMLCC, I thank you for being part of this important work.

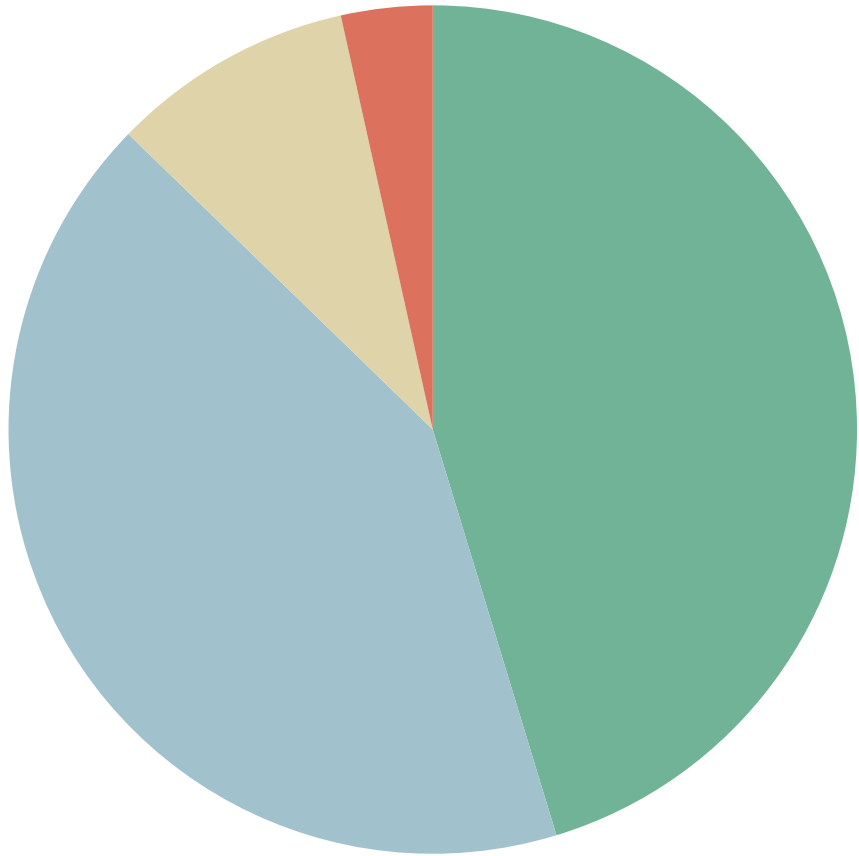
Warmly,

  
Executive Director

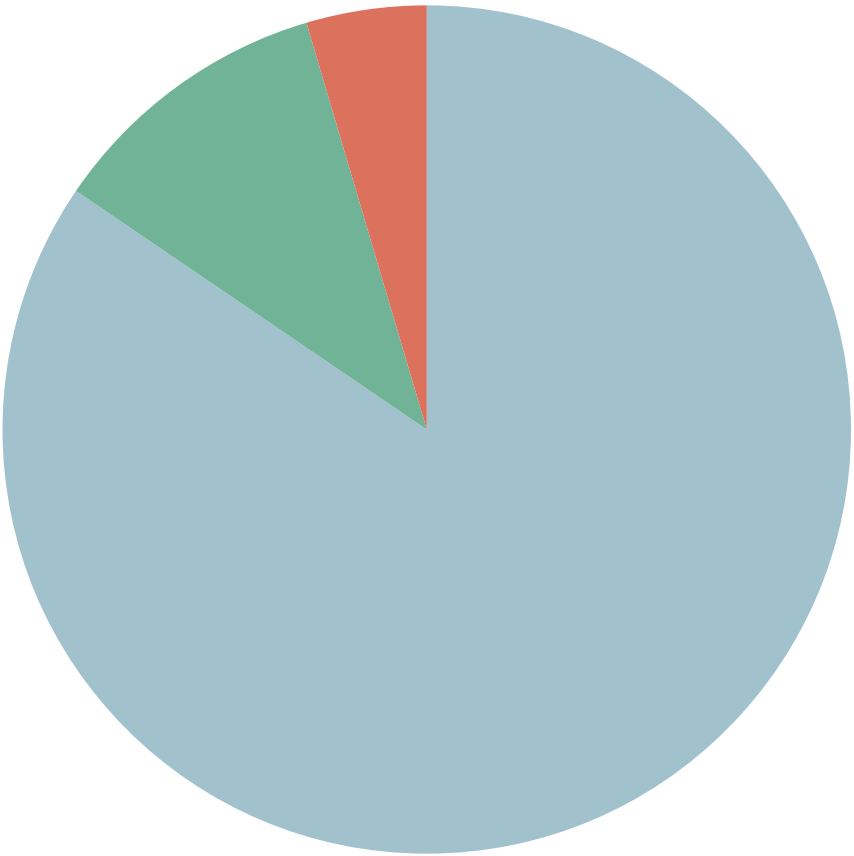
# FY 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue	\$ 2MM	
Government	\$ 882K	45%
Tuition	\$ 817K	42%
Contributions	\$ 180K	9%
Investment	\$ 68K	3%
Expenses	\$ 1.7MM	
Program	\$ 1.4MM	85%
Management	\$ 181K	11%
Fundraising	\$ 76K	5%

Revenue



Expenses



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## Officers

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Falls Church-Mclean  
Children's Center

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# CONTRIBUTIONS

Falls Church-McLean Children's Center gratefully recognizes the following for the period July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024:

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Allyson McGill	Elizabeth Stevens	Lewinsville Presbyterian Church - Mission and Service Ministry Group	Susan and Donald Poretz
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## NAEYC ACCREDITATION

The program was among the first early childhood programs in the nation to achieve accreditation in July 1987 by the National Association for the Education of Young Children. To be accredited, the Center underwent a comprehensive self-study, was validated by a trained early childhood specialist, and reviewed by a national commission to certify that it met high standards for staff qualifications, health and safety, developmentally appropriate curriculum, staff-child ratios, and other criteria for a high-quality program.

In 2024, the Center was reaccredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). For more information about accreditation, please visit <https://www.naeyc.org/accreditation>.



# Certificate of Accreditation



**naeyc**  
National Association for the  
Education of Young Children



Having met the NAEYC Early Learning Program Standards,

August 01, 2029

Certificate is valid until date above

**Falls Church - McLean Children's Center**

(138590)

7230 Idylwood Drive Door #3, Falls Church, VA 22043

is hereby awarded NAEYC Accreditation by NAEYC Accreditation of  
Early Learning Programs

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Kang".

Michelle Kang  
NAEYC Chief Executive Officer

**Preschool, Toddlers**

# TINY STEPS, BIG ADVENTURES

## Installation of a new toddler playground

Thanks to generous grants and donations, our new toddler playground was installed in March and officially celebrated with a joyful ribbon cutting in May. This safe, engaging space invites our littlest learners to explore, move, and grow—one small step at a time.





# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## MPAartfest

FCMLCC was proud to participate in the 2024 MPAartfest, a vibrant community celebration of art and creativity hosted by McLean Project for the Arts. Special thanks to the New Dominion Women's Club for the invitation—our students loved sharing their early artistic journeys!



# COMMUNITY EVENTS

## 4th Annual Fall Festival

The Fall Festival was a huge success thanks to our many volunteers and partners. Organizations that had booths at our Fall Festival included:

- Devotion to Children
- Fairfax County Public Library
- Family and Child Therapy
- Immanuel Presbyterian Church
- Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- New Dominion Women's Club
- Reading is Fundamental of NOVA
- St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church





# MATHMATIZING OUR WORLD

## With George Mason University

In 2023–2024, we proudly became the first preschool to participate in Mathematizing the World, a study with George Mason University. Using our Creative Curriculum, teachers sparked math conversations with real-world objects and images.

Daily prompts like: *“What do you notice?”* *“How do these compare?”*  
*“How many...?”* *“What do you wonder?”*

...helped students build observation, comparison, and early numeracy skills.

Children’s reflections were shared with families through vibrant hallway displays—extending learning beyond the classroom.

# SPRING 2024 WHOLE-SCHOOL SNAPSHOT

Percentages reflect the number of students who met or exceeded expectations in 2024.

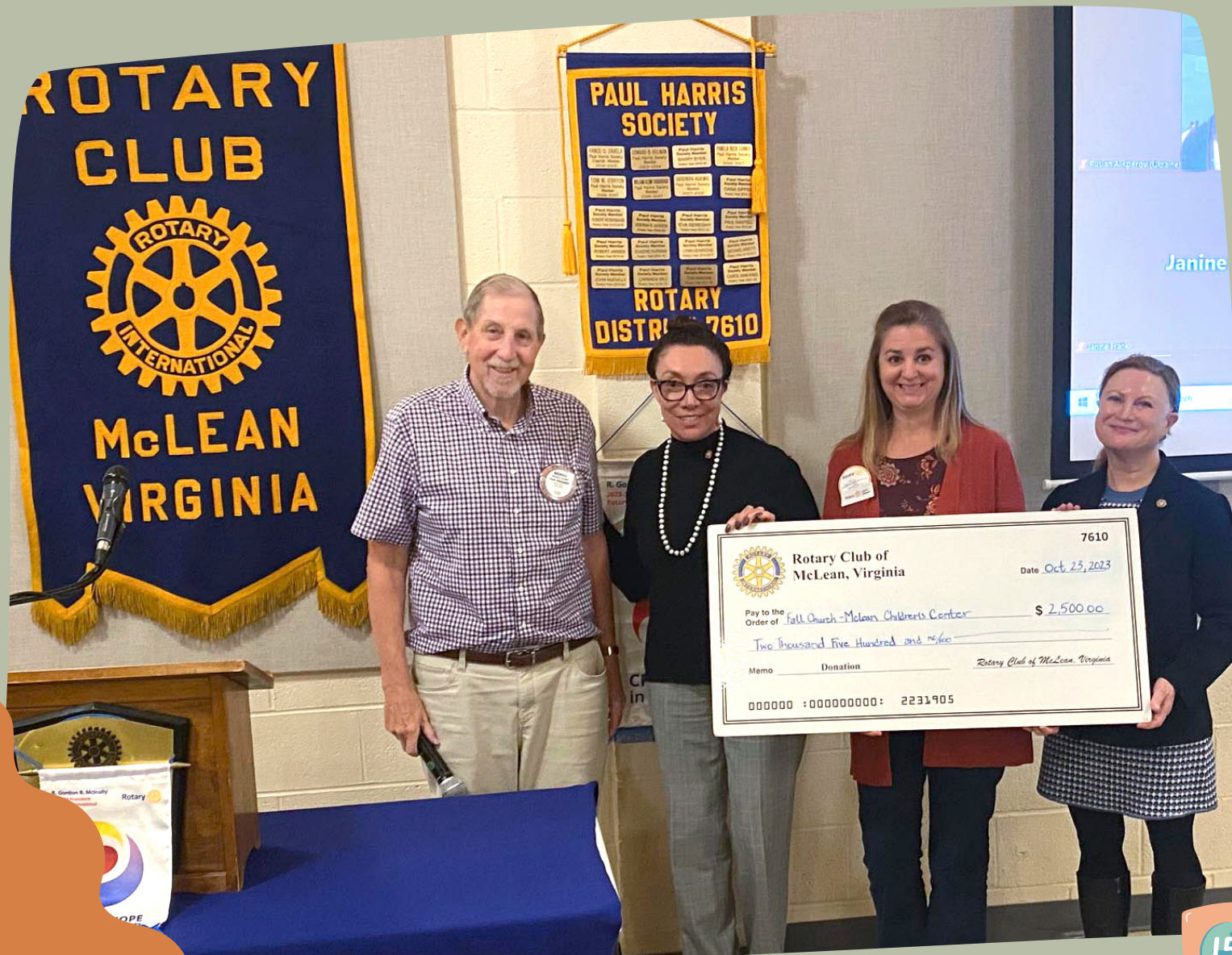


# GRANT HIGHLIGHTS

## Rotary Club McLean Virginia presents FCMLCC's playground grant

### Other Grants awarded 2023-2024:

- **Devotion to Children** – Funding for a speech and language therapy program
- **Trauma-Informed Care Grant** – Support for creating a dedicated therapy space
- **NVAEYC** – Professional development for early childhood educators
- **ANBE** – Scholarship for teacher certification in nature-based education
- **McLean Community Foundation** – New walkie talkies to enhance safety and communication across campus



# LITERACY

We thank the following organizations for visiting FCMLCC to read with our students and provide books for them to take home. Your generosity helps our children build their home libraries and fosters a love of reading both in and beyond the classroom.

- Reading is Fundamental of NOVA
- New Dominion Women's Club
- Butterfly Books
- Fairfax County Library



# ADDITIONAL 2023-2024 HIGHLIGHTS

## Community Supply Drives

We are deeply grateful to the following community partners for their generous contributions throughout the year:

- **St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church**  
Classroom supplies
- **St. John's Episcopal Church**  
Classroom supplies
- **New Dominion Women's Club**  
Classroom supplies
- **Devotion to Children**  
Kindergarten supplies for low-income families
- **Immanuel Presbyterian Church**  
Thanksgiving and holiday gifts



## End-of-Year Enhancements

Thanks to overwhelming generosity, we were able to purchase several important upgrades, including:

- A brand-new FCMLCC sign
- Updated curriculum for our four-year-olds
- New furniture for the toddler classroom

## Magical Moments

Special thanks to Lorenzo for delighting our entire school with a free magic show!



# *Help Falls Church McLean Children's Center Give More Children a Strong Foundation*

**Make a generous gift today at [fcmlcc.org/donate](https://fcmlcc.org/donate)**

**For more information, email:  
[hsmith@fcmlcc.org](mailto:hsmith@fcmlcc.org)**

**Address: 7230 Idylwood Road, Falls Church, Virginia 22043**

**Hours of operation: 7:00 AM – 6:00 PM, Monday – Friday**

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