



Little Knights Learning Center - La Porte City Campus
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Hello, and Happy New Year!

What an incredible year 2025 was for Little Knights Learning Center - La Porte City Campus! It's hard to believe that on January 21st we will have been open for a full year. In 2025 we welcomed dozens of families to LKLC-LPCC, opened our infant room in early June, offered summer care for school age children, and loved supporting our community throughout it all!

Two of our rooms are near full capacity, and projections later in the year show three rooms at full capacity! It's amazing to see how many families we can support in our space, and we continue to raise funds and make plans for a building to the south of La Porte City Elementary.

Throughout the year the board hosted many fundraisers including Music Bingo in February, the Kids Fun Run and 5K in June at Festival of Trails, our annual Golf Tournament in July, and our Soup Supper in December during Home for the Holidays.

The board continues to apply for grants large and small, from both Iowa and national organizations and foundations. Many individuals in the community helped us write letters of support to apply for Federal Discretionary Funds in March; due to factors outside our control, no 2025 applicants moved forward. We plan to apply again this year.

Through the generosity of individuals, groups, and businesses we continue to receive new donations as well as commitments from multi-year pledges. In September we were named the Favorite Child Care Center in the Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier 'Best of the Best' Contest! Thank you for your ongoing support!

In June we added three new board members to fill at-large positions, and in October we held our annual meeting, adding three additional members to the board. After elections, the Board of Directors is as follows:

Officers

- President - Carolyn Herman
- Vice-President - Haley Spragg
- Treasurer - Crystal Wisenbach
- Secretary - Emily Crosby

At-Large Board of Directors:

- Jasmine Gaston - City Council Representative
- Caitlin Schmitz - School Teacher Representative
- Taylor Thomsen - Parent Representative
- Carrie Harp - Parent Representative
- Danielle Gasco - Parent Representative
- Stephanie Estling & Holly Mills - Early Childhood and Preschool Teacher Representative
- Mary Widmer - Community/Grant Writing Representative

The board is ready to continue the hard work that started in January 2023 and persisted over the past three years as many incredible individuals contributed to our mission. A special thank you to outgoing board members Maureen Hanson, our Grant Writer who secured many, many grants for LKLC-LPCC, and Breann Larson, our President for the last three years who led the charge in making this wonderful center a reality.

Looking forward to an exciting 2026,

The Little Knights Learning Center - La Porte City Campus Board of Directors