



Give the gift of play to children in your community

Growing up you likely remember many happy days spent outside.

Playing in your backyard or at your favourite park, whiling away the hours scooping and sifting in a sandbox or making forts in a grove of trees.

If you're like us, these memories bring back warm feelings of care-free days and adventure. What you may not know, is how outdoor play was instrumental for your physical and social development.

Now, imagine if you could give the gift of play to other children in your community? What would that do for their health and happiness today and over their lifetime?

We are inviting you to give to a project that will have immeasurable impact for generations of children.

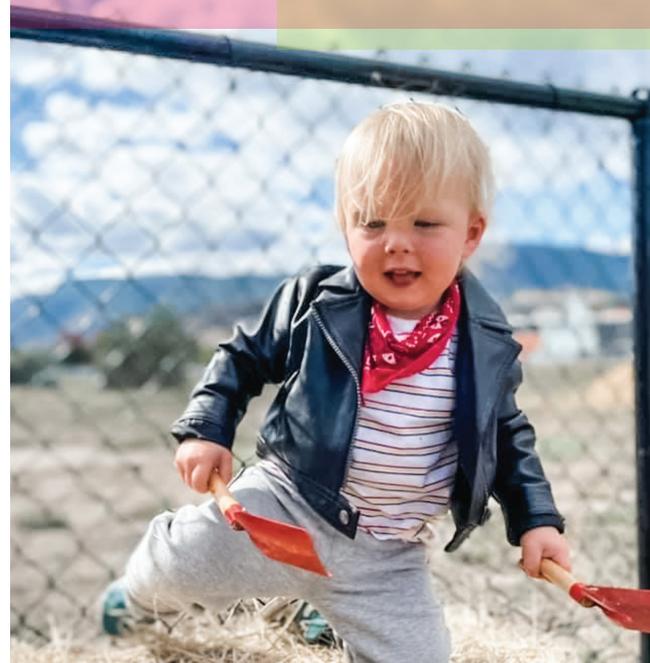


Support an outdoor area that will spark joy

The Okanagan College Foundation is asking for your support in order to construct a 4,000 square foot outdoor play area for children attending Little Learners Academy at Okanagan College's Penticton campus.

The current landscaping for the daycare is not complete meaning children have limited space for playing outside. Yet, it's required that children have at least 45 minutes of outdoor play, twice a day when attending a child care centre.

With your support, we can build an innovative outdoor learning area that will spark joy and teach young children about the natural environment. This play area will create different play experiences and skill development opportunities to promote active movement, exploration of the unknown and new discoveries. Children will be encouraged to explore the outdoors and play in a safe environment constructed of natural materials.



The benefits of outdoor play

- Develops core cognitive, social and creative skills
- Invites children to learn science
- Gives children a chance to take appropriate risks
- Promotes overall health and coordination
- Fosters appreciation for the environment

The outdoor area at Little Learners Academy should match the outstanding quality of care the child care centre provides.
Your support can make that happen.

Your gift in action

Gifts of \$1,000 or more will be recognized on a donor wall in Little Learners. Gifts of \$5,000 or more will receive a recognition plaque in the outdoor space.

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One of Canada's most sustainable buildings

Little Learners Academy is Canada's first Passive House certified child care centre, and was named one of Canada's most sustainable building in 2018. In addition to setting the bar for sustainability, the Centre prides itself on providing accessible service to a wide range of caregivers, including but not limited to students, OC employees and caregivers who are working with the Ministry of Children and Family Development.

Centre highlights:

- 64 spaces, in 4,000 square feet
- Infant and toddler care
- 3-5 year old care
- After school care
- Operated by the One Sky Community Resources

