

Why I Serve

The Learning Collaborative is about helping ensure exceptional opportunities for all students. Children growing up in Grier Heights and other low-income areas of Charlotte often don't have access to high-quality early childhood education. As a result, they tend to start kindergarten academically and socially behind their more affluent peers – and an achievement gap often widens from there.

I'm a native Charlottean, and I've long been familiar with the mission and accomplishments of TLC. When I graduated from college, I taught in under-resourced Title I middle schools for several years. Many of my very bright sixth grade students struggled with simple addition and subtraction when they should have been solving for variables in algebraic equations. Their potential and intelligence weren't the issue – they suffered from the impact of missed educational opportunities.

Now I am raising my own children here in Charlotte. Every day my five-year-old son shares anecdotes from his day at kindergarten. As I look through his eyes at the big bright world he sees before him, I am more passionate than ever about TLC and the work we are doing to increase opportunities for Charlotte's highest-need students and families.

- Katherine Porter Hunter, Secretary
The Learning Collaborative
Board of Directors



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The Learning Collaborative newsletter

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SOWING SEEDS

TLC's School Year Is Off & Running!

TLC kicked the year off with a notable achievement. In August, Executive Director Judy Carter celebrated her 20th anniversary with TLC. She was recognized and honored by the board of directors for her deep expertise, commitment to children, passion for education and leadership. Ms. Carter has truly shaped TLC into a strong, results-focused preschool and parent program through years of tireless dedication. Congratulations Ms. Carter!



Our NC Pre-K classrooms are thriving, full of returning and new students. This year, our two NC Pre-K classes are led by Ms. Vanessa Goodwin & Ms. Dominique Moore, and Ms. Nicole Welch & Ms. Tawanda Everett.

Preschool I & II for our three-year-olds are led by Ms. Shonda Alston & Ms. Shavontae Harris, and Ms. Teresa Watkins and Ms. Cherry Goodwin.

This marks the first full year of our newest classroom for two-year-olds called Growing Early Learners, led by Ms. Carolyn Williamson & Ms. Toni Luckas.

We will serve 72 children and 125 parents/caregivers in 2019-2020, always staying true to our mission and focused on school success. To learn more or schedule a tour, call us!



TLC's mission is to prepare underserved children and their families to succeed in school by providing a tuition-free, high-quality preschool education through a unique partnership with our children, families, parents, staff and community.

Our vision is that children & parents working together can overcome at-risk beginnings through an early educational intervention, paving the way for success in kindergarten and beyond, inspiring a love of learning, confidence in the themselves, and hope for the future.

THE HOLIDAYS ARE COMING!

WILL YOU BE READY?

Make a holiday gift to honor your loved ones. TLC sends a beautiful, personalized card letting honorees know of your thoughtfulness. 12/16 is cut-off to ensure Christmas or Hanukkah delivery.



