



CAROLE ROBERTSON CENTER  
for Learning

# ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH DESERVE AN OPPORTUNITY **TO LEARN, GROW, AND THRIVE**

*Since 1976, the Carole Robertson Center  
has been and remains an organization*

*For Families,  
By Families,  
With Families*



Dear John,

For more than four decades, the Carole Robertson Center for Learning has worked to educate, enrich, and empower children and families. **Our mission and work now spans 27 communities across Chicago through high-quality early childhood and youth development programs.**

Our work is deeply grounded in our belief that children are part of an ecosystem that helps them reach their potential, and that each family is our partner. This also means that we recognize and appreciate that the most important relationship that a child has is with their parent or adult caregiver, and **that our work to help each child learn, grow, and thrive cannot be done without families.** This includes families like Elisabeth's.

Elisabeth is a dedicated mother to three children — children who encountered challenges from birth.

Today, Elisabeth's youngest daughter is in college and aspires to become a teacher. Her oldest daughter is completing her final semester at a small liberal arts college in the Pacific Northwest and is passionate about helping marginalized communities. And her son Corey is the happiest person she knows.

Elisabeth's family's story is not an exception. We know — and research supports — that high-quality programs for children and youth, and wraparound services like family support and mental health that benefit the whole family, can help change life trajectories and break cycles of generational trauma and disinvestment.

The Carole Robertson Center is committed to continuing its legacy as a beacon in the community that works

***for families, by families, and with families.***

People like you, and parents like Elisabeth, want children and youth to have the best education and opportunities this city has to offer, regardless of the zip code or circumstances into which they are born.

**Please consider making a gift to the Carole Robertson Center for Learning today, either by returning the enclosed envelope or by donating securely online at [bit.ly/3XjaCMu](https://bit.ly/3XjaCMu).**

Your gift by **December 31, 2022**, no matter the size, will be **doubled** through a match from an anonymous donor.

***Children and youth deserve an opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.***

Thank you for standing by the Carole Robertson Center and our mission to **educate, enrich, and empower children, youth, and families in Chicago.**

With sincere gratitude and warm wishes for a wonderful New Year,



Bela Moté  
President & CEO

## Elisabeth's story

*"My three kids were foster children before their adoptions were finalized. They were drug exposed and had been kicked out of another center prior to enrolling at the Carole Robertson Center for Learning because, for example, my daughter wanted to be held too much. There was no plan so I could address the cited issues, just our walking papers..."*

*Unlike other centers, Carole Robertson Center was anxious to provide help. They wanted to support my family.*

*The Center's teachers were excited to identify the special needs of my children and worked with me to build strategies for individualized care. They became such a large part of our everyday lives and helped all of us."*



*Elisabeth and her three children  
Kayla, Corey, and Kayli*



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*P.S. Make your gift online today  
and your donation will be doubled!  
Thank you again for joining us.*



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