



Learning Communities Foundation Supporters:

I hope that this email finds you and your family safe and healthy during this time.

As we grapple with the impact of the current global health crisis, we know that the lasting effects of this pandemic will only begin to be fully understood in the years to come. Over the past few months, individuals, community groups and organizations have adapted to changing circumstances and come together to fill some of the most

pressing needs in our communities. However, we know that these combined efforts are not enough to keep the consequences of this pandemic from threatening the livelihood of children and families in our community who are impacted by poverty.

During this time of crisis, Educare Seattle is stepping up to provide vital childcare to essential workers in our community. From April 16 to May 6, you can strengthen their efforts through the [GiveBIG Washington campaign](#). The need to give is greater than ever, and we hope that you can lend your support by joining the campaign and investing in our community.

I deeply appreciate each and every one of you who has supported the work of Educare Seattle through the Learning Communities Foundation, and I hope that you will continue to share these resources and stories of the work being done in our community. In this newsletter, I hope to provide you with some context on the history of Educare Seattle and the crucial importance of its role during this time.

Warmly,

Wendy Armour
Director, Learning Communities Foundation

Educare Seattle Update

These are difficult and unprecedented times,

and rapidly changing circumstances have caused us all to adapt to operate within public health guidelines and ensure the utmost safety for our community members.

Out of an abundance of caution, Educare Seattle closed on March 16 to focus on cleaning the facility and planning around how

best to support families in new capacities during this time. Crises like the coronavirus pandemic exacerbate existing inequalities, disproportionately impacting children and families of color and those who are impacted by poverty—the very populations that Educare partners with. Ensuring that Educare families have access to childcare during this time is critical, and every effort is being made to adapt services to meet needs of the White Center community.



Starting on April 6, Educare Seattle reopened in a limited capacity to provide care and education to enrolled families who are essential workers needing childcare. Alternative remote support will continue to be provided to each and every one of the enrolled families during this time, whether or not they are attending school in person.

You can read more about Educare Seattle's decision to provide childcare to essential workers in the recent Ed Surge article, ["When Essential Workers Need Child Care, Child Care Becomes Essential."](#)



Give BIG with the Learning Communities Foundation

GiveBIG Washington is a movement where individuals and organizations come together and make an investment in the communities we want to live in by supporting Washington-based nonprofits. In 2020, the GiveBIG Washington campaign between April 15 and May 6 is fully online and will not be postponed due to COVID-19. **The need to give is bigger than ever.**

Through the Learning Communities Foundation, your donation can directly support Educare Seattle to help ensure that critical childcare remains available to our essential workers during this time.

[Click here to head to the Learning Communities Foundation GiveBIG donation](#)



Celebrating 20 Years of Educare

The month of February marked the 20th anniversary of Educare, and to celebrate they highlighted Educare schools all over the country. From Chicago to New Orleans, and from Denver to Seattle, Educare's program has positively impacted students and families across the United States.

Interested in learning more about our local history? [Click here to read the story behind Educare Seattle.](#)



Coronavirus Resources

Staff at Educare Seattle have compiled a list of food, financial, stress reduction, and learning resources to help support families impacted by COVID-19 closures.

[Click here to access the online list of resources for families](#)

Interested in supporting families in need of immediate financial assistance? Click the link below to learn about how you can support families through the Emergency Fund.

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