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Christine L. Fisher Early Childhood Education Fund
2015 Update

2015 Award Winners

Congratulations to the 2015 Christine L. Fisher Early Childhood Education Fund award winners! The Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children (Indiana AEYC) is proud to announce the following third annual award winners:

- Goshen Day Care/Walnut Hill Early Childhood Center located in Goshen
- Tippecanoe County Child Care/Right Steps Child Development Centers located in Lafayette, and
- University of Southern Indiana Children's Learning Center located in Evansville.

This year's award winners each received \$3,000.00 in support of creative expressions and appreciation for art. Dollars were used to specifically fund and provide children with varied opportunities to gain appreciation of art that will promote a child's ability to both explore and manipulate age appropriate art materials.

Dr. Jill Raisor of the University of Southern Indiana Children's Learning Center had this to say upon being awarded the grant, "the Christine L. Fisher Fund supported the University of Southern Indiana's Children's Learning Center by providing children with wonderful artist mediums and experiences. The experiences included working with renowned artists, Al Holen and Robert Millard-Mendez, on ceramics and woodworking in preparation for the center's annual Art Show"adding that the Art show generated more than \$3,000!

Erin Syslo, Executive Director, Walnut Hill Early Childhood Center, shared "Because of the support from the Christine L. Fisher Early Childhood Education Fund we were able to update our indoor and outdoor classroom furniture and supplies which encouraged children to explore their creativity. This gave the teaching staff motivation to think about other ways they can support this area of development and include educating families"adding, "our children's creativity has blossomed this year and made their daily experiences so much more enjoyable."

"We would like to express our gratitude for the funds given to Right Steps Child Development Centers from the Christine L. Fisher Early Childhood Education Fund", exclaimed Marilyn Redmon, Executive Director. "We have been able to add in some



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special art appreciation activities over the last 5 weeks. We have been able to offer these special sessions for approximately 60 pre-k children weekly. The children have learned about mixing colors, using a variety of mediums to paint, and created clay sculptures". Marilyn added the children ask, "when are we having special art." The last 4 weeks will incorporate music appreciation into the curriculum. Additionally, she shared, "the best part is that the activities are very hands on, and each child is able to create using their own imagination and ideas."