THANK YOU FOR 50 YEARS OF SUPPORT!

OVER THE PAST HALF CENTURY, MILE HIGH EARLY LEARNING HAS BEEN SUSTAINED BY OUR FRIENDS, PARTNERS, AND OUR COMMUNITY.

BECAUSE OF YOUR GENEROSITY:

- 750,000 nutritious meals and snacks were prepared for our children
- 50,000 children received high quality education and care
- 500 Early Childhood Teachers completed their Child Development Associate certificate
- 300 Family, Friend, and Neighbor caregivers received training

AND OUR COMMUNITY IS THRIVING.
WE ARE SO VERY GRATEFUL.

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1972-2022: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF HIGH QUALITY EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION
1972: Lion’s Club of Denver partnered with Mile High Child Care to operate Rude Park Community Nursery, which they have owned since 1932.

1972: Members of the Mile High Child Care Association, including Anna Jo Haynes (left), discuss their programs.

1972: Denver-area providers created a consortium with support from Mile High United Way and established Mile High Child Care to provide child care for working families with limited incomes.

1965: Project Head Start is launched as an eight-week summer program by the Office of Economic Opportunity.

1972-78: We supported 200 family child care home providers with training and Toy Lending Libraries.

MILE HIGH EARLY LEARNING HAS A RICH HISTORY WITH DEEP CONNECTIONS TO THE COMMUNITY THAT HAVE PROVIDED THE FOUNDATION FROM WHICH WE HAVE GROWN.
1980: We created *Spoonful of Lovin’*, a training manual and videos for family child care home providers.

1981: In response to community need, **Infant and toddler care** were added to the services provided for families.

1990: Mile High Child Care launched a collaborative federal research project—data gathered from the project helped establish **Early Head Start** in 1995.

1993: We have operated **Good Beginnings Drop-in Center** since it opened at Denver Department of Human Services.

1997: Mile High Child Care became a **Head Start provider** with the City and County of Denver.

1999: **Denver Warm Welcome Court Child Care** was opened and operated by Mile High Child Care; it provides a safe place for children while their caregivers are involved with court-related activities.

2003: Mile High Child Care becomes **Mile High Montessori Early Learning Centers**—adopting a Montessori approach and using research-based practices introduced by Maria Montessori.

2006: Our **Community Leadership Board** comprised of prominent community leaders was created to expand our reach and impact.

2013: We launched **Babies Ready for College** in partnership with The Piton Foundation to serve Family, Friend, and Neighbor caregivers and launched our work with race and equity.
2013: We created a **Professional Learning Center** that houses coaching, a Child Development Associate program, and an MA in Learning, Developmental and Family Sciences.

2016: We chose **Mile High Early Learning/Montessori Inspired** as our new name to reflect the growing number of services provided and our educational philosophy.

2017: Mile High Early Learning received three federal grants to create **Early Head Start/Child Care Partnerships** so more children and families could access high quality early care and learning.

2018: **Denver Mayor Michael Hancock** renamed one of our centers in honor of Anna Jo Garcia Haynes, our President Emeritus.

2020: We invested in a new building with **space and technology** for training and professional development.

2021: Mile High Early Learning became a **Head Start grantee**, extending our child care partnerships in the community.

2021: Mile High Early Learning is awarded the inaugural state-wide **The Succeeds Prize in Early Childhood**.

2022

**MILE HIGH EARLY LEARNING CONTINUES TO ELIMINATE OPPORTUNITY GAPS FOR UNDER-SERVED AND UNDER-RESOURCED FAMILIES. PLEASE JOIN US ON OUR NEXT 50-YEAR JOURNEY!**