

A young girl with red hair is blowing a dandelion seed head in a park. She is wearing a white shirt and pink overalls. The background shows a grassy area with colorful playground equipment and trees under a blue sky.

 **Building
Blocks
for the
Future**

 **Meyer Center**
for Special Children

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Building Blocks



Just like the beginning of school, the end of school also brings much joy and excitement. On August 15, 2022, we celebrated as 24 new students began their journey at the Meyer Center. Now, we are looking forward to celebrating the successes of 22 students as they graduate and begin their next steps in life.

The amount of growth that transpires from the time a child enters and graduates from our program is truly incredible to watch. For them and their families, the opportunity to attend the Meyer Center is life-changing! Our highly qualified staff has a unique ability to meet every child where they are and motivate them to work toward their goals. The work of a child

is play, and what could be more fun than seeing a child learn through play and achieve milestones that were once thought impossible?

This year, we added an 11th class which allowed even more children in the community to receive the same special education and intensive therapies that have helped so many students take their first steps, say their first words, and make their first friends. It is a privilege to lead an organization that provides children with disabilities with the individual building blocks they need for success now and the skills they can build upon in the future.

Currently our facility is at full capacity. Every classroom and therapy space in the school is full and our waiting list continues to grow. As we look toward the future of the Meyer Center, we know that we too must grow to ensure that every child with a disability in our community has the same opportunity to reach their maximum potential.

With gratitude,

Meta Bowers

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Graduates

Saying goodbye is the hardest thing to do! But when we say farewell to this group of graduates, we know that they are going to soar. On June 1 we will celebrate as 22 students begin a new journey prepared with the building blocks needed to meet whatever comes their way. Congratulations Class of 2023!

Lezaria. "She has learned so much and has advanced in both her motor skills and her overall skills both physically and mentally as well as emotionally in such a amazing and positive way! Her communication skills have come such a long way! I am so thankful! She enjoyed making new friends and building friendships with both her classmates and her teachers and therapist. She enjoys using her talking device to be able to communicate better. As her parent my experience with the Meyer Center has been nothing but an amazing journey full of love and support from a caring and helpful staff that truly has become part of my family which will forever be the biggest blessing for both Lezaria and myself and my family! I will truly miss everyone so much! May God bring countless and endless blessings to The Meyer Center and to ALL their amazing staff! God bless you all!" – Lezaria's Family



What We Alone Do Best

The Meyer Center's unique model provides critical early interventions for children with disabilities – all during the school day. Our services work in tandem to create the best possible environment for students with disabilities to thrive and meet their full potential.

EDUCATION: 11 classrooms | 108 enrolled students

THERAPY: 17 therapists | 25,428 therapy sessions provided annually

WRAP-AROUND SUPPORTS: Nursing, Social Work, Transportation, Summer Camp

ALL SERVICES UNDER ONE ROOF

EDUCATION

THERAPY

WRAP-AROUND SUPPORTS



We Heart our Volunteers

Our volunteers are dedicated, passionate, kind, reliable and not afraid to get their hands dirty! We cannot say thank you enough for all of our volunteers who help make a difference in the lives of our children. We have many opportunities for volunteers to get involved in and out of the classroom for individual and group engagement opportunities.

Want to join our Volunteer Team? Contact Lynn at lbrown@meyercenter.org.

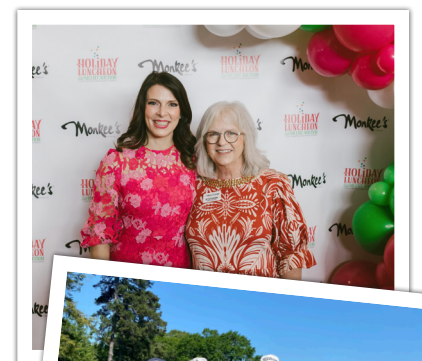


Ways to Engage

EVENTS. At the Meyer Center, our goal is to help each child reach his or her potential, regardless of circumstances. But we cannot do it without the generosity and support of the community. Our major fundraising events include the Holiday Luncheon, the Kids Classic Golf Tournament, and the all new Polo Classic, designed to engage the community and raise the money necessary to fund our educational and therapy programs. Find out how you can make a difference in our children's future. Contact Shannon at sspurrier@meyercenter.org for more information.

VOLUNTEER. There are many options to lend a helping hand: help out in a class, outdoor/water play day, holiday/seasonal help, deep cleaning (inside and out), serve on a committee to help organize one of our special events, or offer "day-of" assistance for a fundraiser! Contact Lynn at lbrown@meyercenter.org for application.

NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL. The Meyer Center turns obstacles into opportunities, and we need your help to continue Dr. Meyer's vision to help all children reach their maximum potential. Donate online at meyercenter.org or mail a check to 1132 Rutherford Road, Greenville SC 29609.



The Meyer Center is excited to share the news that we will be adding another amazing event offering the opportunity for community engagement in our mission. The Meyer Center Polo Classic, presented by Century BMW, will bring an experience unlike any other currently presented in the upstate! From the fast-paced action of the polo match itself and the stomping of the divots to the elegant champagne reception, it is sure to be the premier event of the fall. This inaugural event, organized by our impact! council will be held on Sunday, October 22 at the Historic Hopkins Farm in Simpsonville.

Sponsorships are sold out, but we have a very limited number of Friends and Family tents available for \$5,000. For more information, email impact@meyercenter.org.

