Special Tribute to Ezekiel Vaughn Past Chair, Board of Directors Plano Child Care Learning Academy





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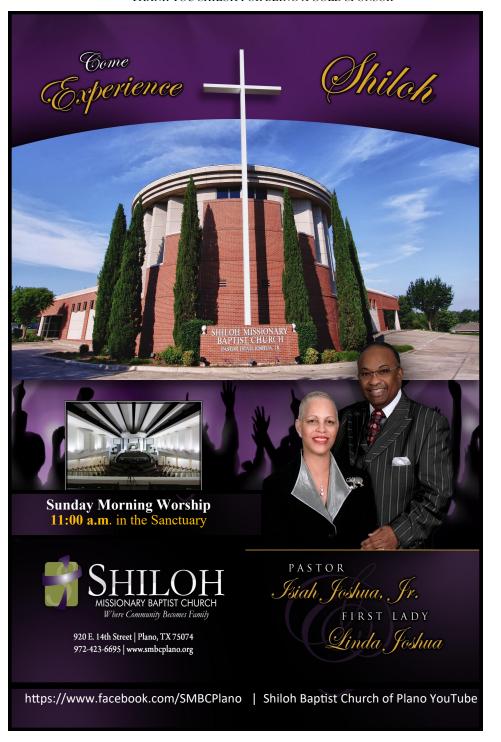
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Welcome/Opening Remarks Craig Martin

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Tribute to Ezekiel Vaughn Shirley Young Shell

Chair, PCCLA Board of Directors

PCCLA Expressions Diana Dues

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Remarks Al Smith, Supporter/Advocate

"Why Celebrate Plano Child Care Learning Academy"

Golf Tournament Awards Ceremony Craig Martin

Recognition of Sponsors Shirley Young Shell

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Closing Remarks Craig Martin/Shirley Young Shell

About Plano Child Care Learning Academy

The Plano Child Care Learning Academy (PCCLA), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization has been providing affordable child care for children since 1970.



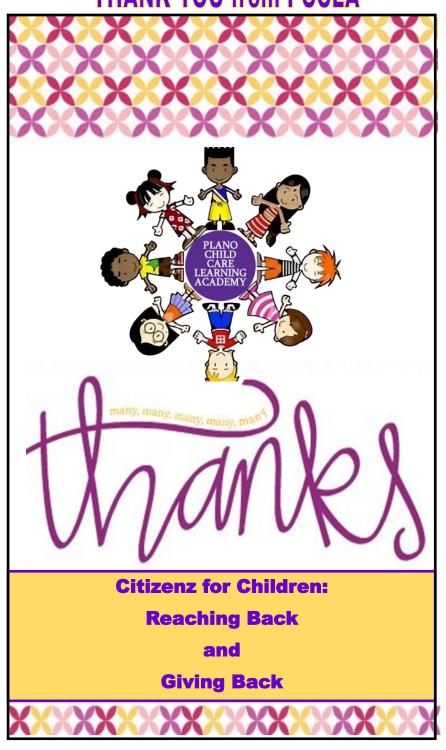
This year we celebrate 52 years of service. PCCLA, formerly known as the Plano Day Care Center, is located in the Historic Douglass School Building at 1111 Avenue H, Suite 100 in Plano, Texas. Plano Child Care Learning Academy has dedicated itself to helping working parents meet the educational, physical and emotional needs of their children.

Plano Day Care Center was started by concerned "fathers" in the Douglass Community and citizens/businesses in Plano. The charge to start up a child care program for low income families in the area was led by John F. Hightower, Charles Rice, Steve Goodman, Travis Berry and Byron Schaff. Their goal was to provide affordable child care for mothers who needed to work outside the home to help support their family. Additionally, school administrators were reporting that school age children were not coming to school because they were staying home to care for younger brothers and sisters.

The original center was to be housed in two rooms in the Douglass School for two to six year olds. Patrons were charged \$.75 to \$1.50 per day and opened with \$3000 of donation pledges in the bank account. Some of the early donors of money, equipment and supplies were Capital Wire and Cable, Dougherty Pharmacy, NC Jeffrey's Real Estate and the Plano B&PW Club.

After the charter of the Plano Day Care Center, the Dallas United Way subsidized the center along with State and Federal Government Food Programs In 2010, the United Way changed their mission and stopped funding the Day Care Center. This loss of funding was devastating for the center in that by this time our fees were based on a sliding scale related to household income and number of family members. Despite the loss of funding, it was critical that the center continue to serve the Douglass community's working families and single parents. The center had become the "home away from home" that provided a safe environment for children to grow and develop regardless of what their family could or could not pay. For financial sustainability, in 2011 the center changed to a set tuition fee, but that tuition fee continues to be the lowest rates in the area.

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Originally the center staff was composed of community volunteers. The first paid center director was Mrs. Wilma Stimpson. She served as director for a number of years until illness forced her to retire. Shortly after her departure, Mr. Pete Hopcus became the administrator with Mrs. Mattie Dansby as a teacher; subsequently, Mattie became the new center director. Mrs. Dansby served as the director for 37 years. The current Executive Director is Ms. Diana Dues.

Through the years, the "Home Away from Home" has evolved into a premier program that prepares children to successfully transition to public school. The program provides experiences in language, math, science, art, creativity, life skills/etiquette and motor development activities. To accurately reflect the quality of child development and education provided, the name was changed in 2018 to the Plano Child Care Learning Academy (PCCLA).

Currently the center is licensed for 73 children infant to ten years (after school care). The infant center was added in September 2015. Transportation from school to the center is available. The Academy operates Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p. m. Two nutritious meals are provided daily (breakfast and lunch) and a mid-afternoon snack. Naps, resting periods, and outdoor play are incorporated in the day.

The income of most families using the Academy, qualify for child care assistance programs through Dallas County, Child Care Group Program (CCA) and Collin County Program, Child Care Management Service (CCMS) supplement to defray costs of care. However, the CCAP process can take months leaving families without care. To assist these families, PCCLA works with the parents to defray cost through donations and fundraisers to allow families to enroll their children and go to work while awaiting approval.

Staff members are highly qualified through training and work experience. Through their guidance the children's natural curiosity and self-confidence are nurtured. Each child is encouraged to flex their mind, body and spirit. Our children move on to kindergarten well prepared and socially mature. We proudly graduate students annually in our preschool classes.

Currently, a 11-member Board of Directors provides oversight of the operation of the center. Arthur Young served as the Board Chair from 1986 to 2018. Ezekiel Vaughn was elected Chairman in 2018 and served until his death in 2022. Board members now serving include Chair Shirley Young-Shell, 1st Vice Chair Craig Martin, 2nd Vice Chair Arthur Young, Treasurer Fred Moses, Secretary Pamela Hart, Helen Young, Janice Martin, Carolyn Hamilton Evans, Harold Cole, David Stephens, and Maxine Carroll.

In Memory of Our Founder John F. Hightower



Our founder, Mr. John Freeman Hightower, was born in August 1, 1913 in Paris, Arkansas. He attended public schools in Oklahoma, graduating from Moton High School in Taft, Oklahoma. Before entering high school, all eight grade students had to take a prerequisite state exam in the state of Oklahoma. John Hightower was recognized for having the highest score in his county (Muskogee).

He attended college at Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas. He graduated Cum Laude with degrees in biology and mathematics. He later earned his Master's degree in Administration from Texas Southern University. He completed further study toward a doctorate at the University of North Texas at Denton and the University of California at Sacramento, California.

He arrived in Plano in 1957 and education in the community has never been the same. He worked as a science teacher, basketball coach and later principal of the Frederick Douglass School in the 1960s. In 1970, Mr. Hightower founded the Plano Child Care Learning Academy, a 50l(c)(3) nonprofit organization, formerly known as the Plano Day Care Center with other concerned "civic leaders" of the Plano community.

Mr. Hightower died June 1, 2005. The seeds he planted continue to bloom today. His involvement in educational, community, and civic affairs remains an inspiration to the students and families in Plano.

As we honor Mr. Hightower, we should take note of his involvement to transform and unify individual communities. He worked as an advocate for all children and supported education as a means to make Plano a better place to live. In his honor, he and his wife, Myrtle Nash Hightower have an elementary school named after them, Hightower Elementary School.

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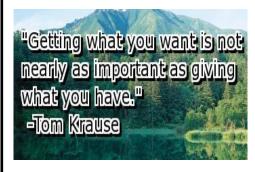
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PROCLAMATION In Loving Memory Of **Ezekiel V. Vaughn**



Whereas, the Plano Child Care Learning Academy has suffered a great loss in the home going of Ezekiel Vaughn, servant of God, faithful community leader and member of the Board of Directors for the Plano Child Care Learning Academy for 14 years, joyfully giving his time and talents unselfishly.

Whereas, Ezekiel was known to drop his plans for the day when called to help, where he served as a proficient story time reader, known to join in with a karaoke session with preschoolers, get on his knees to play house with toddlers and hold and calm a fussy baby.

Whereas, Ezekiel Vaughn served the last 5 years as Chairman of the Board of Directors, he led with excellence, always affirmed the value of each member. He led the organization forward to better serve the children, parents and families serviced by the Plano Child Care Learning Academy, to ensure that children and families have the comprehensive early childhood educational foundation they need to succeed in school and in life.

Therefore, be it resolved that

- Though our hearts are deeply saddened, the Plano Child Care Learning Academy Board of Directors will dedicate ourselves to continuing his legacy and work to keep the Academy viable in the Douglass community.
- We take comfort in the realization that memories of our time together, his joy and enthusiasm will often return in all its beauty and give us smiles in our sorrow



A light has gone out in our lives; Zeke was the joy and life of our board meetings and all that we were able to accomplish under his leadership.

The Board of Directors, Plano Child Care Learning Academy

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Craig Martin

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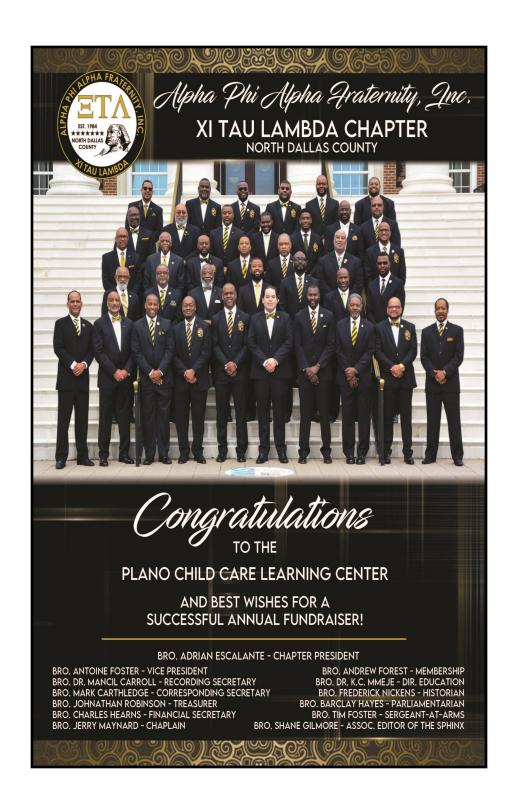
Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more.

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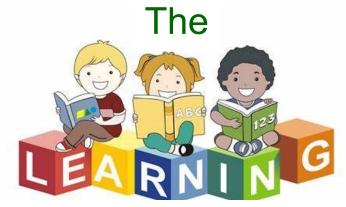
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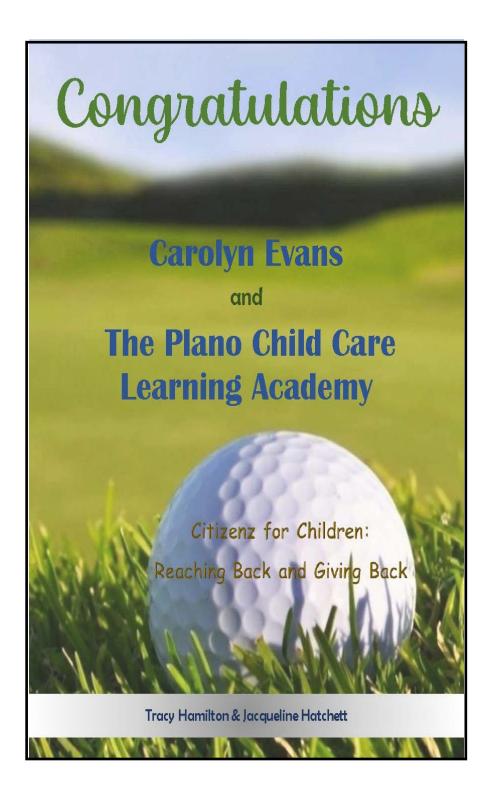


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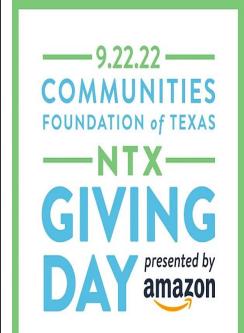


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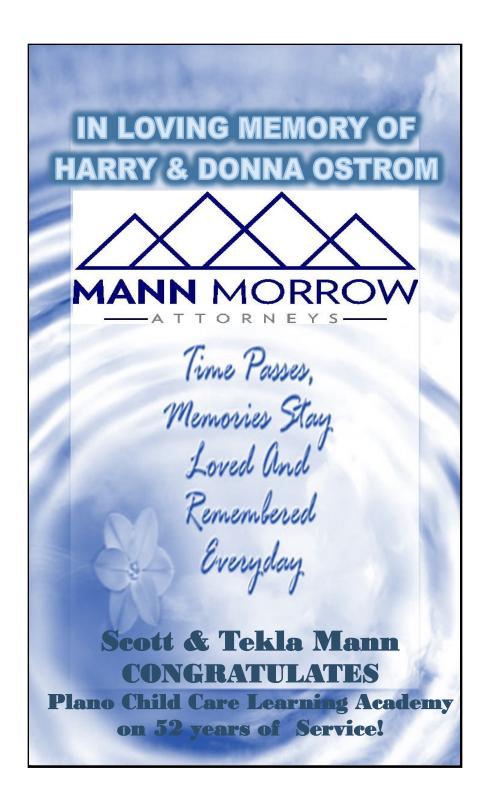
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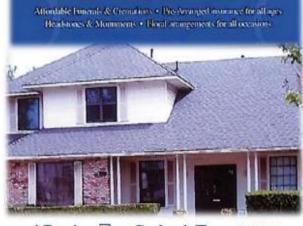












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