

CHILDREN'S CENTER

When parents have access to high quality, reliable child care, we all win: parents are more productive at work, employers have a more stable and dependable workforce and children meet developmental milestones that position them for future academic and personal success. At the McGaw YMCA's Children's Center (located at 1420 Maple Street), the youngest members of the McGaw YMCA community are given the tools and opportunity to learn, thrive, and grow.

The Children's Center Approach:

- 1 Our programs are child centered and developmentally appropriate to foster curiosity, creativity, and self-esteem in all children. We engage children in physical and intellectual enrichments such as swimming, gym, art, and music.
- 2 Our classrooms are intentionally designed to enhance the social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth of all children.
- 3 Our teachers and staff encourage children to use critical thinking and problem solving daily to strengthen social skills, resolve conflicts, and gain independence.



The YMCA in Evanston has been offering childcare services for working parents for more than 60 years. The association's first daycare center opened in 1951 at the Emerson Street YMCA. In the following decades as the need for early child care grew, the McGaw YMCA expanded our offerings and capacity to care for and educate young children.

In addition to providing quality infant and toddler care for working parents, the Children's Center offers full- and part-day pre-school, summer and holiday day camps, and after-school programs for children in kindergarten through the fifth grade. The Children's Center is the preferred childcare provider for Northwestern University (NU). Faculty, staff, and students from nearby NU entrust their children's earliest academic development to the McGaw YMCA.

The McGaw YMCA Children's Center provides a safe, active, stimulating, and creative learning environment that addresses the whole child. Starting at age three, children receive weekly swim lessons and gym time at the McGaw YMCA's main facility. Recent improvements to the Children's Center's outdoor space, including a new playground, resodded tot lot, and food-producing garden, illustrate the McGaw YMCA's commitment to children's growth and discovery both in and out of the classroom.

\$662,662

Value of Fee Assistance Given in FY15

Number of Children Served Last Year

92

Infant and Toddler Care
(6 weeks to 3 years)

303

Full- and Part-Day
Pre-School
(3 - 5 years)

324

After-School
& Holiday Camps
(K - 5th Grade)

558

Summer Day Camp
(3 years - 5th grade)

991

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