

DELAWARE STARS PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT:



Kool Kids Learning Center

Empowering a Community Through Kindness

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“If you give a blessing, you get a blessing, no matter how bad your circumstances,” according to Rosalind “Nisey” Bailey. Miss Nisey, the owner of Kools Kids Learning Center, not only believes this, she’s created a following in her community who all embrace this philosophy.

Miss Nicey and her daughter, Crystal Williams, the center’s administrator, fully invest in the close to 40 children that attend their child care center. “We believe in raising a thinking child,” Williams said. “We focus first on teaching the children and then on teaching the parents.”

Perhaps the biggest lesson this mother and daughter team imparts to their families is the importance of gratitude and of being of service to others.

On any given day, the center is collecting goods to give to people in need. For Thanksgiving, they raffled off Thanksgiving meal baskets to senior citizens in the community. The meals came from financial donations as well as donations of turkeys and other food items from the center’s families. And they don’t stop there. In the summer, they collected donations to buy air conditioners for their seniors.



Miss Nisey believes that the children in her and her staff’s care are all connected to a greater community – so taking care of the children means taking care of everyone that has influence on them. “When one hurts, we all hurt,” Nicey adds.

A case in point, Miss Nisey recognized she was seeing more Dads drop off and pick up their children. “I wanted to celebrate the important role men have in their children’s life,” Miss Nisey said. “So I decided to give them all gifts.”

This gift-giving idea grew to the center hosting a Open House for all the families where the Dads were celebrated by the entire community – including politicians, policemen, and yes, seniors. It wasn't just celebration. The event also included a presentation about a wide range of supports available to Dads and especially focused on how to co-parent when not in a relationship with the child's mother. There's already an endorsement from the City Council to do something similar for Moms.

Kool Kids is not only a hub for outreach, it's a center that's serious about teaching their children. They partner with Stars to help them develop effective strategies. "Stars has helped us learn about the importance of assessing our teaching strategies," Williams said. "From Stars we've learned the different ways of teaching and that not all children learn the same way."

We may not all learn the same way, but we all share the the same needs for validation and appreciation. Kool Kids gets this in a big way – just ask a member of their community.