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mission

The mission of the Little Lakers Childcare Center is to foster age-appropriate learning and provide exceptional child care in a safe, nurturing environment.

A goal of the center is to be an asset to the community and to partner with the school district, in-home family childcare providers, local businesses, and the Lake Crystal Area Recreation Center to enhance our community.

Purpose

- 2016 Study found a shortage of over 90 childcare spots in the Lake Crystal area
- Businesses have reported challenges in recruiting employees over a concern for available childcare
- Center will serve as a training facility for other independent in-home providers and provide job opportunities for individuals seeking employment in the Childcare field
- Full capacity will serve approximately 88 children
- Board is made up of members from the Lake Crystal community
- The nonprofit center has secured a building, that may have otherwise been vacant, with needs including: renovations to meet codes for licensing, equipment, & staff hiring and training

Community

- Lake Crystal is a growing community with recent expansions to the Elementary and Secondary schools
- Home sales remain strong with amenities including a strong school system, close proximity to Mankato, and excellent recreational facilities.

Fundraising Efforts

- Recipient of the Otto Bremer Grant of \$45,000.00
- Donations & pledges from local businesses and individuals have been collected
- Partnering with First Children's Family Finance to apply for USDA financing
- Requesting a grant from the legislature for equipment and start-up costs for operating a childcare center.



LITTLE LAKERS CHILDCARE CENTER TIMELINE

Little Lakers Childcare Center is organized as a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that will be licensed through the DHS to provide child care services to children ages 6 weeks through kindergarten.

2016

Feasibility Study

First Children's Finance

conducted a study and found substantial need in the Lake Crystal community.



NOVEMBER 2017

Concerned citizens met

Citizens began meeting to discuss potential solutions to the child care shortage in Lake Crystal.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS



JUNE 7, 2017

Little Lakers Childcare Center was **formed**

JULY 2019

Little Lakers Childcare Center entered into a **formal agreement** to purchase the Crystal Valley Co-op Office Building.



PRESS RELEASES APPEARED IN:

KEYC News 12

KNUJ

Lake Crystal Tribune

Lake Crystal Chamber News

Mankato Free Press

Southern Minnesota News

The FAN 103.1 FM

AUGUST 2019

Fundraising efforts begin

MARCH 2021

Little Lakers Childcare Center takes ownership of property

MARCH 2021

Construction & Remodeling

Projects Begin

RENOVATIONS:

Removing Walls

Kitchen Installation

Classroom Addition

Enclosed spaces

Playground Equipment

SUMMER 2021

Anticipated **GRAND OPENING**

