



*A look back at our year.....*

MISS RUBY'S KIDS  
Every Child Deserves An Equal Start



# Miss Ruby's Kids, creating successful futures.

In July of 2020, at the age of 2 ½, Jordan entered the ParentChild + Program at Miss Ruby's Kids. At that time, Jordan could not speak at all. She could not even murmur the word, mama. As per standard protocol with any new enrollee, our Early Learning Specialist, Lisset, conducted an ASQ-3 which stands for Ages & Stages Questionnaire. As a screening instrument used by early educators and health professionals, the ASQ-3 was designed to measure a child's developmental progress between the ages of one month to 5 ½ years; however, the success of this screening tool relies heavily upon full parental participation.

Upon completing and scoring the ASQ-3, it was evident Jordan needed to be referred to a professional for further assessment. Jordan's mom also revealed that Jordan was already on a waitlist for a speech evaluation. With the help and intervention of Miss Ruby's Kids, Jordan's mom was able to move up the waitlist and obtain a quicker appointment. This proved to be crucial. Further testing was administered by her therapist and doctor, and Jordan was ultimately diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).

It has been said that ASD can sometimes be detected at an early age, but many children do not receive a formal diagnosis until they are much older. As one might imagine, the dangers in such a delay would mean a child, adolescent, or adult with ASD might not receive the benefits of early intervention supports and services to help them reach their true and full potential.

We are happy and grateful to report, such is not the case for Jordan. Now in the middle of her second year at Miss Ruby's Kids, Jordan is speaking, participating & counting, and even knows her colors! Each is a milestone worthy of celebration!

## Letter from Natasha Brockington, Executive Director

It is estimated that over 300 two and three-year-olds live at or below the poverty level in Georgetown County. In a typical year, Miss Ruby's Kids serves well over 100 children through our ParentChild+, Family Child Care, Mentoring programs, and Little Ruby's Libraries. Yet, we need to do more. The knowledge that there are children in our community who don't receive education services until they enter school is alarming.

The need for early childhood education services has always been prevalent. This past year has shown us why it's imperative for children to have access to early childhood education services. In a time where isolation, uncertainty, and anxiety are rampant, the consistent support that our families receive from both staff and volunteers provides a lifeline to prevent erosion of knowledge and a connection to the community and its resources.

Your generous support of Miss Ruby's Kids has made it so that we are a staple in the community and a viable option for those seeking our services. As we move forward in our new normal of offering a hybrid of in-person and virtual visits, we still aim to provide the area's most vulnerable population with the books, educational toys, and learning experiences that are so desperately needed.

**One hundred bright and eager students in the program today await your response.  
As we make plans for growth and expansion, please make us a priority as you decide your  
charitable contributions before year-end!**

# FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Fiscal Year July 2020-June 2021

**\$215,656.94**

Total expenses

● **\$161,557.73**

7200 Payroll

● **\$13,317.98**

8115 Curriculum...

● **\$9,976.67**

8560 Special Ev...

● **\$30,804.56**

other expenses



**\$26,917**

Net income for last fiscal year

**\$242,574**

Income



**\$215,657**

Expenses



Note for this tax year (2021) the IRS has doubled the amount you can take for cash donations as a non-itemizer up to \$600 for those who are Married Filing Jointly, and up to 100% of AGI for itemizers. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity and support the worthy work and families of Miss Ruby's Kids.

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Building Foundations

ParentChild+  
Program

Family  
Childcare  
Program

Volunteer  
Mentor  
Program

Little  
Ruby's  
Libraries

50 Families

5 In-Home  
Centers  
Served

31  
Volunteer  
Mentors

14  
Volunteer  
Stewards

1,660  
Virtual  
Visits

28  
Children  
in Care

55  
Mentees  
Served

4870 Free  
Children's  
Books  
Distributed

434 Books &  
396  
Educational  
Toys  
Distributed

198 Books &  
30  
Educational  
Toys  
Distributed

1350 Hours  
Spent with  
Mentees

13 Libraries in  
Targeted  
Communities

For program details visit [www.missrubyskids.net](http://www.missrubyskids.net)

## 2020-2021 ParentChild+ Assessment Results

On a developmental inventory of Child Behavior Traits (CBT), 93% of students demonstrated an increase in behavior indicative of growth in their cognitive abilities after completing 92 home visits.

On a developmental inventory of Parent Child relationships (PACT), 60% of parents demonstrated an improvement in communication with their child after completing 92 home visits.



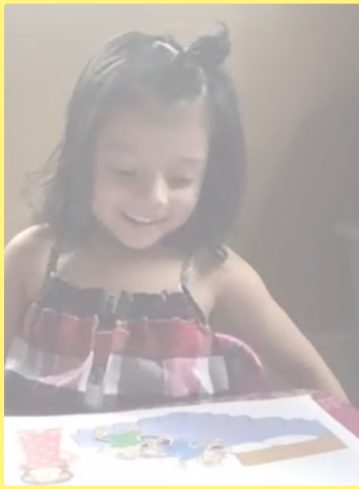
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Thank you for building successful futures!

