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Which Children's Trust Goal or Strategy does your program address? 1.All children are born healthy and remain healthy. 2.All children can learn what they need to be successful. 3.All children have nurturing, supportive caregivers, and relationships. 4.All children live in a safe community. The Academy preschool addresses all four Children's Trust Goals

Are you a current Children's Trust provider? Yes or No No

If not, have you ever received funding from the Trust? 2023

Name of the program you received funding for previously. no funding ever received from Children's Trust prior to this application

Have you applied for Emergent Needs Funds before? Yes or No No

If you answered yes above please enter date. Fri, 06/02/2023

Is your business currently registered with the Philanthropy Hub? Yes or No No

Are you qualified to conduct business in the State of Florida? Yes or No Please attach your Sunbiz. Yes

Describe your program including how your services impact the lives of the Children of Alachua County.

The Academy Preschool at the Family Church is a Christian Preschool aimed at partnering with parents to raise up loving, confident, and godly children. We care for children from infants through five-year-olds from all ethnicity and religious backgrounds, we strive to create a safe and nurturing environment that provide the best educational program that is rooted in Christian ideology. The Academy Preschool is a faith based (Christian) childcare center and preschool caring and educating children from infants through five years old. Our pedagogy emphasizes love, kindness, respect, integrity, and self-discipline. We recognize and value the importance of collaboration between staff, parents, and children and strive to ensure that each child is treated with fairness and respect. The Academy Preschool at The Family Church of Gainesville FL is a historic and symbolic building. The Academy was founded in 2011 by the Family Church as a community outreach ministry to provide essential childcare service to our growing community on the west side of Gainesville. The Academy plays an important role in celebrating ethnic and religious diversity in our community teaching children of all religious backgrounds and preparing them for grade school. For the safety of all children and staff at The Academy Preschool, we go above and beyond to provide a safe and nurturing environment for all young children in our care. We take the safety and security of our children very seriously, especially during these challenging times as our community recovers from Covid-19. We follow the strictest DCF (Department of Children & Families) safety and security guidelines, providing a clean, sanitized, and healthy environment for each child and staff member. We are a day care facility certified by the (ELC) Early Learning Commission of Alachua County and support their vision of providing economically priced day care services to all Alachua County parents regardless of income levels or financial wherewithal.

Please Specify your need in as much detail as possible. Include the dollar amount of your request. Explain how your request is an emergent need.

The Academy facilities consist of two buildings. The main building is a two story forty thousand square foot building which the Academy preschool occupies the first floor. The second academy building is a five thousand square foot modular trailer with six academic and infant care rooms serviced by six Bard wall AC units. In the month of April 2023 one of the eight roof top AC units in the Academy main building failed and cost \$35,000 to replace which drained our capital expenditure maintenance budget and emergency operating reserve for fiscal year 2023. Two weeks ago, one of the Bard wall units in the modular trailer failed forcing the Academy under DCF guidelines to close the modular unit and move the affective children temporarily into the main facility due to the inability to maintain proper room temperatures under DCF guidelines. The blessing we experienced is that VPK classes have just ended for the summer, and we don't need to re occupy the modular building until early August. We have ordered two replacement Bard wall units at the cost of \$16,518 each to replace the current failed unit and to prepare for a second pending failure. (See signed order below). The total cost of both replacement high efficiency units with installation will be \$33,036. If we fail to fund this emergency request the Academy will not be able to re-open the modular unit which anticipates housing thirty VPK students and twenty infants for the fall of 2023. In addition, should we not reopen the modular building the impact of loss income may force the closure of the whole Academy preschool business and could result in fifty-five additional children and families seeking other day care options.

Thus, we are requesting an emergency grant form the Children's trust in the amount of \$20,000 and we will seek to raise the additional \$13,036 from The Family Church congregation which has provided financial support to the Academy when financial difficulties occur. However, as you review our attached 2023 budget you will find we are already projecting a worse case (-\$560,518) loss in 2023 if we fail to increase the number of children, we accept into the Academy preschool by the end of fiscal 2023. Our long-term goal is to become significantly sizable to accept one hundred and fifty children ages infant to VPK age level by end of fiscal 2023 which is obtainable if the emergent modular facility AC repairs can be made and be brought back on line by the start of the fall school year.

A+ HEATING and AIR CONDITiONING

The Academy
The Family Church 2022 SW 122nd Street
Gainesville Florida 32607

5-16-2023

Bard Wall AC Replacement:

Bard Wall AC

- 1) Remove existing 4-ton Bard wall ac package system.
- 2) Provide and install new 4-ton Bard wall ac package system. M# W48HC-AI5:XX4:XXX
- 3) May need to remove some soffit to access.
- 4) Provide and install new digital programmable thermostat.
- 5) Provide and install fresh air damper and new heat strip.
- 6) Check operation of system.
- 7) Provide Alachua County permit.

Total \$16,518.00 per system

***Proposal good for 30-days.

***Payment due within 30-days of completion.

***All pricing above are cash prices, add 3.5% for credit card payment.

*** 1-year parts & Labor warranty and a 5-year compressor warranty.

What steps have you taken to resolve the need on your own?

The Academy has taken multiple steps to resolve this issue moving forward.

1. For the long term the Academy modular facility has six Bard AC wall units. Replacing two of them will leave four more in need of eventual replacement. We are preparing for a 2024 capital fund raising campaign to raise an additional \$66,000 in congregational donations to replace the aging units.
2. We have signed an AC system maintenance agreement with A+ Air Conditioning service to do routine maintenance on the existing functioning units to extend their usable life.
3. We have negotiated a purchase agreement with A+ for the two new units that we will not have to pay for their purchase price until after thirty days of installation which will give us time to raise the additional \$13,036 needed should we receive the Children's trust grant for \$20,000.
4. Not wanting to do this because it's so difficult to retain quality day care staff but we may lay off several staff members for the summer in hopes that they will return for the fall which may save us \$4000-\$5000 towards the AC purchase should we not receive the Children's Trust grant funding.
5. We are announcing to The Family Church congregation and elders that we are applying for the Childrens Trust grant in the amount of \$20,000 and that we need to raise another \$13,036 from the church members. We hope this excites the membership into contributing generously to the cause.

How has the emergent need impacted your service delivery?

The immediate impact on the Academy daily operations has been minor so far because the VPK classes are off for summer vacation, and we have moved the existing affected infant room over to the main facility. However, we had to delay the immediate opening of a new one year old classroom in the main facility which has affected nine families on the current waiting list for space in the new one year old class. Starting in early August 2023 the planned new operation classroom management structure for the modular facility will be:

- i. Infants-3 rooms with 20 total babies (modular facility)
- ii. One-year olds-3 rooms with 18 total students (main facility)
- iii. Two-year-olds-3 rooms with 30 total students (main facility)
- iv. Three-year-olds-3 rooms with 40 total students (main facility)
- v. VPK-2 rooms with 2 full classes and one part time class with 30 total students (modular facility)
- vi. Total projected number of Academy children for fall (138 children).

Basically, we have sixty days to get the modular facility back up and running or the Academy will be unable to offer VPK classes for the fall and approximately sixty children from infants to VPK will have to find other day care facilities. This may cause significant income losses to the Academy and may force our eventual closure if we can not raise enough donations from the Family Church congregation to offset the losses and reluctantly, we have to lay off our projected thirty-eight fall employees. The emergent grant support from the Children's Trust of \$20,000 will prevent this from happening and we are confident by sharing this community support the Family Church Congregation will rise to the occasion to raise the additional \$13,036 needed to complete the repairs in time.

Please provide your organization's most recent audited Financial Statements if applicable.

[tfc 2022 financial statements.pdf](#)

Please provide your organization's most recent financial statement to your Board of Directors.

[copy of academy ytd income statement may 2023.pdf](#)

Please provide your annual report if applicable. [sun biz the academy at the family church.pdf](#)

Please provide your organization's current budget. [academy 2023 budget.pdf](#)

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The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.childrenstrustofalachuacounty.us/node/6377/submission/836>