Sewall Child Development Center provides inclusive, joyful, learning environments using the power of partnerships, diversity and belonging to enrich the social and academic growth of every child and family.
Dear Friends,

Thank you for your support of Sewall in 2016. It is our group of dedicated supporters, those who are committed to inclusion, that allow us to have a large and lasting impact on the children of our community.

With 72 years of experience serving the Denver Metro community, we reached new milestones last year, thanks in large part to the community’s support. Sewall grew collaborations at the Dahlia Campus for Health and Well-Being. Sewall also realized a long-awaited goal of purchasing, renovating, and relocating to a new headquarters. In 2016, we became licensed and fully operated at our new building at 940 Fillmore Street, where we have enriched the classroom environments, expanded toddler programming, built a new playground, and supported the start-up of our partner elementary charter school. Sewall has not only expanded, but also enhanced its impact for all children.

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Inclusion builds an unforgettable lifetime impact.

Friendship at Sewall

Talya (6) and Cadence (7) are two friends with different abilities and personalities, yet with similar hearts.

Talya has thick, dark hair and loves books and singing. She also has some special needs that come with developmental delays. Cadence has blond hair, freckles, and loves to talk and share stories.

These girls met at Sewall summer camp, where past Sewall graduates can learn and play every summer.

They first connected over music. At a time when Talya was upset and unable to get her seatbelt latched, Cadence watched out for her and initiated walking together on field trips.

In the weeks that followed, Cadence watched over Talya and initiated walking together on field trips, riding next to each other in the van, and snuggling during rest time.

Talya and Cadence are two of the many students who benefit every day from the inclusive education they received at Sewall.

A Lifetime Commitment to Inclusion

In 2005, Sewall and goodbye to long-time supporter and board member Gene Koebel. Gene is joined with daughter Lynn Stambaugh, another dedicated Board member, at a milestone graduation – the first at Sewall’s new headquarters at 940 Fillmore Street. Sewall’s Board of Directors voted in the fall of 2016 to dedicate the new ‘Koelbel Building’ in honor of Gene and Walt Koebel’s longtime dedication to the children at Sewall. We know that Gene’s legacy will live on through the thousands of young children whose lives will be forever enhanced because of her generosity and dedication. Gene’s 65 years of service to Sewall, and her dedication to children, will be forever missed.

Community Giving

John Lenzwartt | Colleen Heath | The Jay & Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Colorado

For nearly 10 years on the second Friday of June, employee teams from Deloitte Denver have descended upon Sewall’s Campus during their Global Day of Impact. Volunteers helped spruce up the exterior of Sewall’s playground and support much-needed landscaping efforts.

Thank you Sewall Volunteers!

In 2016, the Junior League of Denver continued a long-time community partnership with Sewall through the Kids Connect Literacy Program. Throughout the year, dozens of Sewall families attended bi-weekly activities, complete with story hour, free books, dinner, and a chance to meet one another. Families were able to connect with one another and with the larger Sewall community through Kids Connect. We are grateful to all of our volunteers with the Junior League and to all of the Sewall staff and families who made this great program possible!

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In 2016, Sewall made a difference to more than 600 children and their families across 5 key program areas.

**Inclusive Preschool**
Number of Children Served: **330**
Sewall’s inclusive preschool continues to grow. In 2016, Sewall ran 30 classrooms at 10 sites across the Denver community. In all, 330 preschoolers were enrolled in Sewall’s inclusive classrooms, receiving high-quality early education and tools for lifelong success.

**Infant & Toddler Early Intervention**
Number of Children Served: **45**
In addition to serving children in their homes, Sewall’s move to 940 Fillmore Street also allowed for expansion of toddler programming to on-site classrooms. In 2016, the “Lion Cubs” and “Otters” classrooms served 45 children. Therapists and specialists also continued partnering with caregivers in their homes, helping them to support their child’s developmental needs.

**Diagnostic & Evaluation Clinic**
Number of Children Served: **68**
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**Family Advocacy and Community**
Number of Children & Families Served: **14**
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**Denver Great Kids Head Start Disability Services**
Number of Children Served in 2016: **120**
In 2016, this team served 120 children in more than 40 Head Start classrooms across Denver. Sewall’s team provided training, consultation and interagency collaboration with five major community organizations, all of whom serve families enrolled in Head Start. The team worked closely with partner staff, and with families to help them understand their child’s needs and the effectiveness of inclusive special education services.

In 2016, Sewall’s inclusive model is at the heart of all we do for children & families.
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Rich and Kelly Hansen, Sewall parents

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We also hope to make some meaningful changes in the ways in which our children we gained will be extremely valuable for our family as our daughter moves forward. Above all, THANK YOU for supporting the children at Sewall!

If we have made an error in reporting your donation, our apologies. Please contact us at 303.399.1800

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