

**The Campaign for 21st Century Excellence—
Uni-Pres Kindercottage- 2014**

I have two grandchildren ages 3 and 4 months. They come to my home one-day each week for 10 hours. When they leave, my house is pretty much in shambles because I choose to spend the day playing and rocking. There are unwashed baby bottles and burp cloths; there are cookie crumbs, play dough and toys strewn about. Take that scene and multiply those two children by 38. That's the scene you could walk into at Uni-Pres Kindercottage although the mess would be missing. Think of a kitchen that prepares 2 meals and 2 heavy snacks, 5 days per week, 52 weeks per year. Think of a bathroom where 76 children learn to use the toilet and brush their teeth. Think of a geographic area that is listed as one of the most dangerous cities in the United States, a place where even the telephone repairman are afraid to enter and thus costs for repairs and infrastructures are inflated.

This is the reality at Uni-Pres Kindercottage in East St. Louis, IL and yet, we call it "The House that Love Built" because that is truly what it is. Your love and past donations have made Kindercottage possible. The love of a dedicated Director, her staff and volunteers has allowed students to know success for nearly 50 years. We continually hear the stories of Kindercottage graduates who have risen from poverty in East St. Louis to have successful careers and positive outcomes. What more could we ask from our financial gifts?

Uni-Pres Kindercottage kicks off a Capital Campaign in 2014 to allow:

1. Owning our building, free and clear,
2. Critical building upgrades in the form of new kitchen appliances and storage, new playground equipment, a modern security system, and a covered entryway,
3. A fund that would allow us to deal with the sporadic support from the debt-ridden State of Illinois and ensure that we can always continue to serve children in need.

In the words of former Board Member, Rev. Fred Cornell, "The failure to give, is the failure to be Christian. It must be done, it must be done."

How can you help? Contact Brenda Crisp, Executive Director at 618-874-6505 or unipres@sbcglobal.net



**Uni-Pres Kindercottage Capital Campaign Gift
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