

# The CELC Corner



**26-Hour Online  
Giving Rally**

**October 10-11**  
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## 327 Volunteers Come Together to Build a New Playground!

### Thank you to our friends at Carmax!

August 10, 2017 was a big day for Columbus Early Learning Centers and our Main St. Center partner, Central Community House. After applying and being selected by KaBOOM!, the national nonprofit for play, CELC and CCH were paired with Carmax to sponsor a brand new playground at 1150 E. Main St.

Volunteers arrived early in the morning and got to work digging holes, painting, building playground components, mixing concrete, moving mulch, installing a fence, and completing numerous other tasks that were required to build the new playground. The day would not have been possible without the support of our sponsors: Carmax and the Carmax Foundation, KaBOOM!, Ruscilli Construction, Ohio Penal Industries, Resource International, PNC Bank, Equitas Health, the Puffin Foundation, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Alliance Data, J ALT Holdings, Huntington Bank, DJ MDizzle, Ingenious Image, Raising Canes Chicken Fingers, Local Cantina, the MidOhio Food Bank, Catering by Scott, Lasting Impressions Event Rental, Made from Scratch Catering, McDonalds, Chipotle, and Donatos Pizza!



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# Our School Family

## Special Edition: Graduation 2017



CELC is a year-round early learning program, but at the end of every summer, we like to send our soon to be Kindergarteners off in style with a proper preschool graduation ceremony.

Our ceremony was held on August 4, 2017. The over 40 soon to be Kindergarteners from all of our locations walked in to Pomp and Circumstance while their families watched on. We are excited to send these students off into their Kindergarten classrooms and we hope that everyone will come back to visit!

A special thank you to the Junior League of Columbus and their Adopt-a-Backpack for Children program for giving each of our students a backpack of their very own full of the supplies that they will need in their first year of school!



## ***Congrats Class of 2030 !***

For more information regarding enrollment, visit [columbusearlylearning.org/enroll](http://columbusearlylearning.org/enroll) or call at 614-253-5525



# CELC in the Community

## Party with a Purpose



*Above: CELC Board Member, Tobi Furman, mans the bar while Ms. Ashley orders the sparkling lemonade*

Thank you to our community partners, Bleu & Fig, for hosting a one-of-a-kind dinner party for the benefit of CELC on September 25. We had a delicious meal featuring seasonal, locally sourced ingredients. Thank you to our board members and supporters who came out to share this great evening with us!

## Upcoming Events



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Save the Date  
**CELC ANNUAL GALA**  
 JANUARY 25 2018  
 6:30PM



## CELC Annual Gala: Learning Through a Lifetime

January 25, 2018

Join us for an extraordinary evening in support of early childhood education. Dinner by Bleu & Fig, Dessert by Nothing Bundt Cakes, Cocktails by OYO and an awards ceremony honoring the champions of our children!

Sponsorship opportunities are now available! Email [jcrawford@columbusearlylearning.org](mailto:jcrawford@columbusearlylearning.org) for more information about how you and your organization can make a difference!

Want to learn more about how you can make a difference at CELC? Check out [www.columbusearlylearning.org/get-involved](http://www.columbusearlylearning.org/get-involved)