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GFWC Women's Club of South County

Club volunteers paint colorful murals at CANE Child Development Center

The GFWC Women's Club of South County (WCSC) has partnered with CANE Child Development Center on Post Road in South Kingstown, RI since the 1960s. The Club has provided grants, volunteers, and no-sew blankets. Recently with the guidance and artistry of Maria Householder, a Club volunteer, and her daughter Sydney (one of our scholarship recipients), beautiful and colorful murals were created up and down the hallways of this wonderful facility! Their efforts are helping to make the center warm and welcoming, while directing people to the different classrooms. Maria was also instrumental in renovating and furnishing the teacher's room and is in the process of installing vinyl plank flooring and baseboards around the building with the help of other WCSC members.

CANE Child Development Center as we now know it, was originally founded in 1962 by Dr. Stuart A. Taylor, a graduate student at the University of RI, as Citizens to Advance Negro Education to provide scholarships to minorities to attend institutes of higher learning. Now, the Center operates as a daycare and learning facility available to the general public to provide high quality, affordable child care to all families in our community. It is a nonprofit organization and services children from infants to preschool. Infants (ages 6 weeks-18 months), toddlers (18 months-3 years) and preschoolers (ages 3-5) are welcome for full-time enrollment and part-time enrollment. *It has been a non-profit daycare facility since 1975, making this year its 50th anniversary!* CANE can service 38 children and currently has openings. The staff at CANE are committed to providing the highest quality child care and support inclusion of children with disabilities and developmental delays. CANE provides services for children of all abilities and collaborates with key partners to be sure that families have all the resources they need. Christina Boone, is the director of CANE and works tirelessly to meet the needs of the children in her care with her staff of highly qualified teachers.

The CANE Child Development Center is truly a place to be celebrated!