



Stone Soup: Gathering Community, Nourishing Children

Friday, March 15, 2019

7:30–9:00 am

The Curtis, 1405 Curtis Street, Denver



Be a sponsor of
Mile High Early Learning's
2019 Stone Soup Breakfast:

LOOK WHO'S TALKING NOW!

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: **RACHEL ALBERT, PHD**



Dr. Albert studies how infants learn to talk. She received her doctorate in child development where she studied how babies babbling promotes early word learning. Her current research focuses on understanding how caregiver-infant interaction supports language development in child care settings. Dr. Albert's research has been featured on National Public Radio's *Hidden Brain* and in *Scientific American*.

Dr. Albert is Assistant Professor of Psychology at Lebanon Valley College and Director of the Lebanon Valley College Baby Lab

HONOREES: **LAURA BARTON AND MARY FOWLER**

Local champions of early childhood education

Laura Barton and Mary Fowler are committed to helping organizations that provide a high quality early education to children in our community, and their leadership has encouraged others to invest in and support early childhood development. They were instrumental in launching Stone Soup as an annual fundraiser for Mile High Early Learning.

2019 STONE SOUP COMMITTEE

Event Co-Chairs

Kristy Adams
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Committee Members

Cindy Abramson
Barb Astuno
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All proceeds of this annual event support Mile High Early Learning's mission: to enable all children to succeed in school by providing resources and education to inspire a lifetime of learning and self-sufficiency.



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2019 Sponsorship Levels and Pledge Form

STONE SOUP 2019 PRESENTING SPONSOR: \$15,000

- VIP table of 10 with premier seating
- Brief podium address
- Banner at the event
- Front page logo on program and full page ad
- Name / logo on invitations*
- Name / logo on event website

CHEF DE CUISINE: \$10,000

- VIP table of 10 with premier seating
- Recognition from the podium during the event
- Banner at the event
- Front page logo on program and full page ad
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EXECUTIVE CHEF: \$7,500

- VIP table of 10 with premier seating
- Recognition from the podium during the event
- Front page logo on program and full page ad
- Name on invitations*
- Name / logo on event website

SOUS CHEF: \$5,000

- Table of 10 with prime location
- Recognition from the podium during the event
- Full page ad in program
- Name on invitations*
- Name / logo on event web site

CHEF DE PARTIE: \$2,500

- Table of 10 at the event
- Recognition on site at the event
- Half page ad in program
- Name and logo on event web site

COMMIS CHEF: \$1,500

- Table of 10 at the event
- Name in program

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Sponsor Level

(check one):

- ☐ Stone Soup 2019 Presenting Sponsor: \$15,000
- ☐ Chef de Cuisine Sponsor: \$10,000
- ☐ Executive Chef Sponsor: \$7,500
- ☐ Sous Chef Sponsor: \$5,000
- ☐ Chef de Partie Sponsor: \$2,500
- ☐ Commis Chef Sponsor: \$1,500

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mail to:
Mile High Early Learning
Attention: Nathan Harlan
1799 Pennsylvania Street, 4th Floor
Denver, CO 80203

**information for invitations needed by February 1, 2019*

Mile High Early Learning serves more than 9,000 children and families annually

Providing High Quality Early Education

Mile High Early Learning offers high quality year-round programs in seven early learning centers that are in some of Denver's poorest neighborhoods.

- 661 infants, toddlers, and preschoolers participated in our Montessori Inspired early learning programs at these centers this past year.
- 94% of families live at or below the Federal Poverty Level (\$24,600 for a family of four).
- Our two drop-in child care centers—Denver Warm Welcome Court Child Care and Good Beginnings at Denver Human Services—serve over 7,000 children and families annually.



Serving Infants and Toddlers

As an Early Head Start grantee and partner, Mile High Early Learning collaborates with partners across metro Denver to expand access to and increase the quality of early childhood education. We offer comprehensive services to children in centers and family child care homes - providing not only our premier early learning programming, but also enhanced health, social/emotional, nutrition, and family support.

Engaging Parents and Caregivers



A cornerstone of Mile High Early Learning's philosophy is the guiding principle that parents are their children's first teachers. Through Babies Ready for College, Babies Ready for College: Next Steps, Short & Sweet Book Clubs, and Play & Learn Groups, we serve almost 800 parents and caregivers and their children annually—equipping parents and caregivers with vital information about how children's brains grow and ways to facilitate that growth so that their children will succeed in school.

Training Early Childhood Educators

We recognize that how we support our teachers has direct implications on the quality of their teaching and their ability to do their difficult and important job well. We invest in our teacher workforce through ongoing coaching, training, professional development, and financial support to pursue early childhood degrees— including our Childhood Development Associate (CDA) and Master of Arts in Education and Human Development.