



UNITED DAY NURSERY, INC.
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Employee of the Month

United Day Nursery is proud to recognize a special team member each month which represent a specific 'Title'. Recognition of and for staff rewards those that really go the extra mile, shine at what they do, and so deserve acknowledgement.

**April '09 Employee of the Month
Haifa Hasan**

She was chosen by her fellow UDN team members for this month because she displayed great efforts for the Title of: "Cares for Children (respectfully, individually, meets their needs, enjoys being with them!)"

Haifa Hasan is wonderful with the children and treats them like they were her own. She always has a hug & a laugh for the children. Haifa is constantly interacting with the children; the best comforter of sadness, frustration, etc.; and happiness overflows from her. She is always great with them & always tries to figure out what's wrong even if she didn't see what happened. Haifa's GREAT with the children! Haifa truly enjoys every moment with the pre-toddlers and it shows! She is awesome with the children – comforting, caring for them, and meeting their every need! Haifa is very gentle and cheerful while working with the children – they gravitate toward her when she is reading. Sometimes, none other than Haifa will do at times of stress/frustration – her comforting TLC 'tender loving care' is just what they need!

*Please congratulate
Haifa Hasan*

with us - on receiving Employee of the Month!

FALL 2009 Enrollment

Each family received labeled forms for their child(ren). Please complete this and return to UDN office asap – FALL 2009 will be here before we know it!!

Reminder: Two week written notice is needed in UDN office if you choose to withdraw from child care here (temporarily and/or permanent.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS...



May 5th- **MUSIC PROGRAM**; 7:10 p.m.; Mary W. (*music teacher and children performed an excellent concert for everyone!*)
May 3rd - 9th - Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week
May 8th – Provider Appreciation Day! *A Yearly Event to Recognize Child Care Providers Everywhere!*
May 11 – 17 Celebrate Children's Book Week
May 21 – Staff Meeting 6:15 – 8:15
May 22 – Last day of GF Public School
May 25 - UDN CLOSED in observance of Memorial Day Holiday

May 26 – UDN Summer programming begins
Looking ahead...

June 8 – Annual 'Summer Fun' events begin!

**Watch for your copy of this Summer Fun 2009 calendar – post it in a convenient place at home as there's a lot of super experiences in store for one and all!*

PARENT EVALUATIONS

Please take a few moments to complete the attached ivory evaluation form and kindly return it to the office. The information is very helpful for United Day Nursery in many ways. Parent comments are always appreciated – in person, via note, or by completing an evaluation form!

*** PARENT –TEACHER Conferences ***

Conferences were held on **Tuesday, April 28th** from **4:00 p.m. – 8:30/9:00 p.m**

This is a time for parents to visit with their child's teacher to hear about progress, their child's interests – likes and dislikes.

Annual Music Program

Tues., May 5th, 2009 – 7:10 p.m.



Children did an excellent job singing for everyone while music teacher Mary introduced groups of children and songs sung! Parents and friends filled the seats in the church sanctuary.

JossLynn Brown Benefit was held April 30th!!

JossLynn just recently turned 4 years old (this May.) She was three years old and attending United Day Nursery - in the Small Rooms - up until Jan. 19th, 2009 when she was diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL). ALL is a form of cancer that affects her white blood cells. JossLynn has been receiving chemotherapy treatments since Jan. 20th.

You can check out her Caring Bridge website for updates and leave a message (if you like!)

www.caringbridge.org/visit/JossLynnBrown

UDN Team members held a benefit to support JossLynn and her family. A spaghetti dinner was served with a free-will offering for JossLynn's family taken. A Silent Auction also occurred throughout the evening.

Everyone's assistance was greatly appreciated.

See attachment for Thank you!

Quotes of month: A child's life is like a piece of paper on which everyone who passes by leaves an impression!

~ Chinese proverb

Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.

~ George Washington Carver
American scientist and inventor



Summer Enrollment is in full swing!

There will be some staffing changes come Tues., May 26th. The hope (and goal) is that continuity of care will be provided while children will experience an educationally fun-filled summer while in attendance at United Day Nursery!

