



A note from Blanca Acosta, Executive Director:

Welcome to our website!

The wonderful photographs you see on these pages were taken by Brian Tietz, a local Fort Myers photographer. Gilroy and Associates played a major role in layout and implementation of the new site. Thank you to everyone who offered their opinions in creating a new site for GLAD KIDS!

Our programs are in full swing. School-aged children have been seen participating in Science experiments, coming dressed for pajama day, and on roller skates at our local rink. Ages three and above enjoyed a reptile handler and saw an alligator, a snake, and other animals. Our Twos have had water days, and fun explorations inside and outside the classrooms. Our youngest children have been busily learning about sharing and taking turns while exploring water and ice to keep cool.

With your help, we are able to provide a high quality early childhood learning environment for the most vulnerable children in Harlem Heights! Your support will help us provide educational programs for children of low-income working families.

Enrollment at GLAD is up, while donations are down! GLAD provides a much-needed service to the children of low income working families who make your vacations, meals at restaurants, and the service industry run. These folks depend on your generous contributions to help make ends meet to fill the funding gap between what GLAD is reimbursed for subsidized childcare and what it actually costs to operate.

Last year, we provided approximately 40,000 days of childcare for approximately 155 children each month. Those children are meeting the developmental domains for their age groups. The majority of our children score in the 88th percentile range, meaning that they are within the typical development range. The majority of our after-school children who receive tutoring and mentoring from our staff and volunteers are receiving A's and B's at school.

Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to assist us in our mission of providing a quality early childhood program for these children. Our mission remains to provide educational and developmental child care for children of low-income working families and to strive to provide for the social, emotional, economic, and developmental needs of those children and their families. For more than fifty years, individuals, foundations, houses of worship and community organizations have supported our mission. GLAD is a 501(c)3 charitable not for profit organization; all donations are tax-deductible. FEIN #23-7378076

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- Blanca Acosta, Executive Director

