



WILDER CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER

HELPING CHILDREN SUCCEED WITH WHOLE-FAMILY SUPPORT

All young children deserve the opportunity to realize their full potential. That's why Greater Twin Cities United Way invests in a future where families and caregivers are equipped to support children in becoming successful learners, and all children enter kindergarten ready to learn and thrive. We support early childhood care and education partners providing direct child care and education services along with holistic support to encourage children's development and parents' success.

Wilder Child Development Center in Saint Paul is a full-time early learning program that provides whole-family support for children ages 16 months to five years. In addition to nationally recognized child care and early learning programs, the center offers a food shelf, housing resources, mental health support, lending library, dedicated parent space and more to ensure children and families have what they need to be successful.

United Way supports Wilder's work through our multiyear Community Investments funding as well as our 80x3 partnership. **"The unrestricted funding we receive through United Way provides the resources and support necessary to help meet the individual needs of our families,"** said Angela Clair, Wilder's director of early childhood services. **"Whether it is funding for our food shelf, to get some toys in the classroom or to help a family that's struggling to pay a co-pay – it really gives a lot of different opportunities."**

From training and professional development opportunities for staff to creating new spaces and resources for families, funding and assistance from 80x3: Resilient from the Start is transforming how teachers and staff at Wilder interact with and support children and their families. **"80x3 has impacted trauma-informed care within our program in a way that has really helped children, families and teachers be successful,"** said Clair.

