

Event Information

Gingerbread & Jazz Gala is celebrating its 21st year, with the theme “Bet on the Future”. The evening is designed to impress jazz fans and party-goers alike. The affair will include sensational music by three jazz bands, dancing, lively casino games, signature cocktails, elegant buffets, delightful desserts all in a unique venue – the Historic Day Nursery in downtown Colorado Springs. Our sponsors will join 300 guests at this fabulous occasion, noted as the kick-off event for the holiday season.

The Board of Directors’ Raffle will feature exclusive, highly desired prizes. The annual crowd-pleasing Gingerbread Masterpiece Challenge is a two-hour live “battle of the chefs” competition requiring participants to build original and creative gingerbread houses. The spectacular houses are offered at auction immediately after a judging committee announces the grand prizewinner.

Early Connections Learning Centers (formerly Child Nursery Centers) was founded in 1897 to serve children of limited income and working families in the Pikes Peak region. All proceeds from the gala provide direct support for year-round early care and education programs for children ages infant to 14 years.

Sponsorship packages are uniquely designed to honor your company or organization with recognition before, during and after the event. Be a part of the most exciting event of the year, support children and families in the Pikes Peak region and become a sponsor today!



21st Annual Gingerbread & Jazz Gala

Saturday, November 7, 2015, 6:00 pm
The Historic Day Nursery, 104 E Rio Grande St.
\$125 per person

Contact: Melissa Willers, Director of Marketing & Events
(719) 632-1754 x1005
mwillers@earlyconnections.org



Sponsor Packages

To receive full benefit package all materials must be submitted by August 1, 2015.

VIP SPONSOR \$10,000

- 2 limos stocked with champagne to transport you and your guests to the gala
- 12 tickets to the gala, each ticket includes \$2500 in play money
- 12 tickets to sponsor welcome reception
- Title sponsorship of one event room
- Company banner displayed at gala
- Company logo featured in advertising, program and invitation
- Company listed in annual report & newsletter
- Company logo with link on website
- Social media recognition as gala sponsor

PRESENTING SPONSOR \$5,000

- 10 tickets to the gala, each ticket includes \$2500 in play money
- 10 tickets to sponsor welcome reception
- Title sponsorship of one event room
- Company banner displayed at gala
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HOT JAZZ SPONSOR \$2,500

- 8 tickets to the gala, each ticket includes \$2500 in play money
- 8 tickets to sponsor welcome reception
- Company logo featured in advertising, program & invitation
- Company listed in annual report & newsletter
- Company listed on website
- Social media recognition as gala sponsor

GINGERBREAD SPONSOR \$1,500

- 6 tickets to the gala, each ticket includes \$2500 in play money
- 6 tickets to sponsor welcome reception
- Company logo featured in program
- Company logo featured in invitation
- Company listed in annual report
- Company listed in newsletter
- Company listed on website
- Social media recognition as gala sponsor

CELEBRATION SPONSOR \$1,000

- 4 tickets to the gala, each ticket includes \$2500 in play money
- 4 tickets to sponsor welcome reception
- Company listed in program
- Company listed on invitation
- Company listed in annual report
- Company listed in newsletter
- Company listed on website
- Social media recognition as gala sponsor

GALA SPONSOR \$500

- 2 tickets to the gala, each ticket includes \$2500 in play money
- 2 tickets to sponsor welcome reception
- Company listed in program
- Company listed on website
- Company listed on annual report
- Social media recognition as gala sponsor

Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit: Early Connections Learning Centers is a qualifying organization for the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit. Monetary donations to Early Connections made by individuals and businesses are eligible for a 50% Colorado state income tax credit. The deductible portion of Gingerbread & Jazz sponsorships are eligible for this credit, e.g., \$420 of a \$500 sponsorship.

"Bet on the Future" Sponsor Packages

ICE SCULPTURE SPONSOR \$5,000

- Ice sculpture with company logo
- 8 tickets to the gala, each ticket includes \$2500 in play money
- 8 tickets to sponsor welcome reception
- Company logo featured in advertising, program & invitation
- Company listed in annual report & newsletter
- Company listed on website
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CASINO SPONSOR \$3,000

- Company advertising on play money
- Company name on main casino room
- 8 tickets to the gala, each ticket includes \$2500 in play money
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Sponsor Form



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YES, WE WISH TO SPONSOR AT THE FOLLOWING LEVEL:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> VIP Sponsor \$10,000 (Only 2 available) | <input type="checkbox"/> Presenting Sponsor \$5,000 (Only 4 available) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hot Jazz Sponsor \$2,500 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gingerbread Sponsor \$1,500 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Celebration Sponsor \$1,000 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gala Sponsor \$500 |

Sponsorship must be confirmed by August 1, 2015 to receive all benefits in package.

Contact Name: _____ Title: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____
Email: _____ Phone: _____

IN LIEU OF SPONSORSHIP, WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DONATION:

- \$500 \$250 \$100 Other _____

PAYMENT METHOD

CHECK PAYMENT: Payable to Early Connections Learning Centers

ONLINE PAYMENTS: www.earlyconnections.org, click Donate

PLEDGE NOW, PAY LATER. Invoice me on ___/___/15.

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT: Visa Mastercard Discover

Name as it appears on card: _____

Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ V-Code _____ (3-digit # on back of card)





For working families in Colorado, finding reliable and affordable child care is a daunting task. For limited income families, child care is an urgent need, enabling parents to secure and maintain employment and self-sufficiency. The need for ALL families, not just those with the financial means, to have access to high quality, consistent care has never been greater.

Founded in 1897 by fourteen visionary women to care for children from less fortunate families, Early Connections Learning Centers, a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization, has continuously offered high quality, comprehensive early care and education for over a century. Our literacy-focused, developmentally-appropriate program prepares children for success in school and allows parents to be productive at work, assured that their children are well cared for in a safe and nurturing environment.

We invite you to learn more about Early Connections Learning Centers, recognized statewide as a leader in early care and education. Please contact Diane Price, President & CEO, (719) 632-1754 x1010 or djprice@earlyconnections.org.

Did you know?

Early Connections Learning Centers is a qualifying organization for the Colorado Child Care Contribution Tax Credit. Monetary donations to Early Connections made by individuals and businesses are eligible for the 50% Colorado state income tax credit.

Here's how you can save!

Take a close look at the examples below and note the significant difference between your donation and the actual net cost of your gift. Your donor dollars go further with a contribution to Early Connections Learning Centers.

Tax Bracket	25%	33%	25%	33%	25%	33%
Gift Amount	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Income Tax Deduction						
Federal*	113	150	567	749	1,134	1,497
State	46	46	232	232	463	463
Income Tax Credit	500	500	2,500	2,500	5,000	5,000
Total Tax Benefit	\$ 660	\$ 696	\$3,299	\$3,480	\$ 6,597	\$ 6,960
Net Cost of Donation	\$ 340	\$ 304	\$1,701	\$1,520	\$3,403	\$ 3,040

*Federal tax deduction is reduced because of the add-back effect of reduced state income taxes.

Details

- The maximum credit you may take in one year is \$100,000 or your actual Colorado income tax liability, whichever is less.
- Any unused credit may be carried forward for up to five additional tax years.
- In-kind gifts, such as stock or other securities, labor or equipment, are not eligible.
- Early Connections Learning Centers will provide donors with a signed letter and Form DR 1317 stating the amount of cash contributed.
- Individual situations vary. Please consult your tax professional.