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## *Your gifts at work...*



Young Scholars at the TDAR Early Learning Center

## Making an Impact...One Child at a Time

When you leave the main gate of Keowee Falls South, take a left on Highway 11 and within minutes an entrance to the Tamassee DAR school campus appears. This campus includes a newly renovated Early Childhood Learning program, serving 23 children. But that's not the entire story.

Very few DSS-licensed childcare facilities are available in our rural area. Walhalla, Seneca, and Westminster collectively offer only 5 facilities. The TDAR Winter edition newsletter highlights that "100% of their students meet or exceed developmental benchmarks in social/emotional physical and cognitive skills while 94% are meeting or exceeding language, literacy, and mathematics developmental benchmarks." These statistics underscore the exceptional level of care and education provided by the Early Childhood Learning program on the TDAR campus.

# The Story Continues...



The children develop these skills through active play that encourages creativity and strengthens their confidence. The year-long renovation of the Pouch Cottage on the TDAR campus was financially supported by several organizations, including your Falls CRO. "This expanded facility allows Tamasee to serve additional Starlight children as well as more families from the wider community. The high-quality education provided to infants, toddlers, and preschoolers prepares them for a lifetime of academic success and empowers each child to reach their full potential."

A special thank you to our Keowee Falls Residents for making this investment in our community's youngest members!

## A Few of the Ways you can help

- \***Annual Appeal Support** - Silent Auction or Decorating Committee
- \***Grace's Closet** - Helping Hands in the school closets or in the warehouse helping restock orders for the schools
- \***Salem Library Summer Reading Program Activity Volunteers**
- \***TDAR After School Program** - Assist teachers with student needs by tutoring and helping with homework



## *Volunteer!*



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**SAVE THE DATE!! Your Keowee Falls CRO Annual Appeal is June 18, 2024 - Stay tuned for details!**