SUU Childcare

Our Dear Alumni and Friends,

The Sorenson Legacy Foundation Center for Hope at Southern Utah University has been up and running for the past eight months and I wanted to provide you with a report on how things are going. Thanks to the leadership efforts of Childcare Manager, Kristy DeGraaf, and Preschool Director, Brionne Neilson, the Center's first year has been a wonderful experience for T-bird families.

This spring semester, 69 children were enrolled in child care, with 33 additional children enrolled in preschool. The Center for Hope has provided part-time jobs for 35 students interested in education and family life professions. Campus employment has proven important in helping students finance and continue their education.

Reliable childcare has been a great blessing for many student-parents who need only part-time care for their little ones. But the cost can still be prohibitive. With this in mind, we've created the Tiny T-Bird Scholarship Fund. This funding helps students with families reduce their concern about the high cost of child care while they pursue their college education.



"We have always been a two-income family until I started school and adjusting to one income has been challenging at times. Being a recipient of this wonderful scholarship has helped ease the financial strain that goes along with having 2 kids in daycare full time. I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the generous donors who have helped make this scholarship possible. Thank you all so much!" — Courtney Mayer

To help student parents achieve their goal of timely degree completion, consider a donation to the Tiny T-bird Scholarship Fund. You can make such an important impact on our students with your gift.

Contact Donna Law at **law@suu.edu** or **435-865-8182** for more information. You may make your gift online at **suu.edu/giving**.

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Me with on of our first graduates in 2021 from the Sorenson Legacy Foundation Center for Hope.