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## **Methodist Family Center Preschool Collects Record-Breaking Amount in Annual Food Drive for P2P**

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A record-breaking 300 canned and dry goods were collected for Person-to-Person's pantry at the recent "Thanksgiving Sing" at the Methodist Family Center Preschool.

— *an announcement from the* [Methodist Family Center Preschool](#)

On a bright and unseasonably warm November morning, the MFCP welcomed the school's families to the Thanksgiving Sing, a cherished annual tradition that had been canceled last year due to COVID-19 restrictions.

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The 'Sing' as it is affectionately called, concluded a month-long food drive in partnership with Person to Person's Darien Pantry and their mobile food pantry, P2P On Wheels. Children ages 3 to 5 began the Sing by bringing their food donations and placing them in a basket.

"Listening to the children sing reminds us of how blessed we are to come together on a gorgeous day with the sole purpose of being thankful," said MFCP Director Laurie Anderson.

"This year, a record-breaking 300 canned and dry goods were donated amounting to four SUV's full to the brim with bags of food. We are blown away by the generosity of our parents, which created a tangible teaching moment for us.

Pastor Laura Galbraith asked the children why they thought it is important to help others in need. The children delighted everyone with their heartfelt responses and songs that followed.

"Even our youngest children are capable of understanding the value of helping others in need," Anderson said. "The entire MFCP family is proud of this effort and the values we're helping to instill at such an early age."

The performance concluded with everyone's favorite, the Chicken Dance! Taking advantage of the beautiful weather, parents were treated to coffee and pastries outside courtesy of the Caffe Bon Coffee Truck.

"We are so grateful for all of MFCP's donations, Person-to-Person Executive Director Nancy Coughlin. "They will be immediately delivered to our local families in need. We can't thank you enough".

MFCP is a private preschool in Darien affiliated with the Darien United Methodist Church. The school is home to 70 area families with students ranging in age from 2 to 5 (pre-K). Registration for the 2022-2023 school year is currently underway. Visit [our website](#) for details.