# Not just a safe, loving environment...

A unique, characterbuilding one as well.

#### At Ebenezer Child Care Centers,

we understand the importance of learning to read and count as well as write and create. Furthermore, we believe that learning about compassion, respect and honesty, as well as how to be courteous and orderly, is just as important in your child's growth. Each day, we are given countless opportunities to further enrich the lives of the children in our care — to provide them with the basic structure and understanding of how to be more virtuous.



"Virtues from the Heart" is a unique, virtue- and character-building curriculum that we incorporate into our daily lesson plans and interactions with our children. And thus far, the results have been nothing short of miraculous.

Much to our own surprise, we have witnessed our already happy and loving care centers become even more upbeat and rewarding. So if you want what is best for your children, let our "Virtues from the Heart' focus help them grow into happy, well-adjusted adults.



#### Character:

It starts from the heart!

Since 1968, Ebenezer Child Care Centers has implemented the tradition of providing children with the same kind of personal attention and loving care that they would receive from their parents. We provide children with a setting that not only fulfills their cognitive or academic needs but their emotional needs as well.

As a not-for-profit organization, Ebenezer welcomes children as young as four weeks old through the age of 12 without regard to race, color, religion, or ethnic background.



To learn more about our "Virtues from the Heart" program or to arrange a personal meeting for a more in-depth explanation of our options and advantages, please call 414.643.5070





Introducing Virtues from the Heart...

Providing more than child care...

Providing the gift of character!









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## At the Heart of "Virtues from the Heart"

Every day, we have five basic strategies guiding our daily mentoring of the children we serve. Each strategy is specially designed to help them live more respectfully, purposefully and compassionately, while developing an overall culture here at Ebenezer Child Care Centers that inspires excellence.



#### ♥ Speaking the Language of Virtues

Language shapes character. The way we speak and the words we use possess great power that can either inspire or discourage. Using the language of virtues helps us replace blaming and shaming with personal responsibility and respect toward others. It gives children a frame of reference to properly learn how to address people; it helps bring out their best. Our daily guidance provides them with a context that is necessary to help them grow into well-adjusted, respectable people.

#### ♥ Recognizing Teachable Moments

Recognizing the gifts in our daily programs and activities, and discerning the life lessons before each day, allows us to cultivate character in ourselves and the children we serve. When we reflect on our experiences with humility and confidence, challenges become stepping stones.



#### ♥ Establishing Personal Boundaries

Virtues-based boundaries help children learn to treat others with dignity and respect. They also create an environment where children choose to make amends for any wrongdoings and restore peace. In short, personal boundaries help build healthy relationships and protect a person's time, energy and self-worth.



#### → Honoring the Beauty of Life

We respect the dignity of each child. This approach encourages children to set aside "quiet time" for personal reflection and appreciation for the world around them, even going so far as to participate in the arts and express their creativity. When we honor special life events and share our stories, it helps give meaning and purpose to our lives.

### Detting Straight to the Heart

We make ourselves available to your child at all times. We create an atmosphere where children feel comfortable sharing their deepest concerns with us, instead of letting their emotions bottle-up inside. It empowers them to define their teachable moments for us, so we can guide them to use the appropriate virtues. As a result, children learn to make moral choices and create more intimate bonds in relationships.

