



Reds Senzel donates to local children's charity

A Cincinnati Reds outfielder has generously donated to The Children's Home pandemic childcare program.

Centerfielder Nick Senzel, #15, donated \$10,000 to help support the new program, which provides childcare for the children of parents who have been deemed essential workers and cannot work from home.

"I've been very fortunate, and the people of Cincinnati have been very welcoming to me," Senzel said.

"Baseball is fueled by the communities we play in. It's very easy to partner with an organization that's committed to helping local families impacted by COVID-19. I'm proud to be part of the fight in this small way."

In March, CoStars Preschool by The Children's Home shifted its program to become what the state now calls "pandemic certified." To meet these stringent criteria, The Children's Home instituted different classroom sizes,



Currently the agency serves about a dozen kids and is planning to open room for more.

smaller student-to-staff ratios and a commitment to remain open to serve children of essential community workers – usually healthcare personnel and first responders.

“CoStars have been great in times of need,” said Taibah Abdul-Muhaimin in a recent interview. Abdul Muhaimin is a Cincinnati healthcare worker and full-time single parent.

“Not only are they staying open for essential workers, but I was also able to get schooling for my cousins who attend another school, which is closed,” she said. “Even before the pandemic I could count on Costars for anything. I am more than grateful to have my family at Costars, the staff is absolutely fantastic!”



CoStars Preschool student Kyleena sits with her mom, Taibah with Cincinnati Preschool Promise Executive Director/CEO Chara Jackson at a 2019 children and families event held at The Children’s Home. Kyleena is one of the students the Children’s Home serves as an emergency pandemic childcare facility as her mom is an essential healthcare worker.

“I can’t begin to thank Nick enough for his generosity,” said John Banchy, president and CEO of The Children’s Home. “Cincinnati has a long tradition of supporting our own in times of need and he’s demonstrative of that. His donation is, right now and in real-time, helping kids and parents who have no where else to turn as our entire community navigates uncharted waters.”

CoStars by The Children's Home is currently serving a dozen kids whose parents or guardians are needed by Greater Cincinnati and surrounding areas.

The staff diligently follows the health guidelines issued by Ohio, have had no illnesses reported among children or staff, and are currently planning dedicated space to serve more families who may need pandemic childcare services.

Guidance for families who may qualify for placing their child with the CoStars emergency childcare program are available by calling 513-527-7306 or visiting [here](#).

If you or your organization would like to serve families in need, we would welcome your involvement and your help. Visit [here](#) to learn how you can change lives.



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