

A History of Growth

Tamassee DAR School: Flipping the script for children

In 1914, the future was bleak for children living in the isolated areas of the southern Blue Ridge Mountains. With no schools near their homes, many were faced with the probability of a life of poverty and illiteracy. Motivated by a desire to improve the quality of life for children living in this region, the South Carolina Daughters of the American Revolution (SCDAR) voted to establish a school "in a place remote, yet accessible, where the need seems greatest." In 1919, the school officially opened and was called Tamassee, the place of the sunlight of God. Since that time, Tamassee DAR School has evolved to meet the needs of children in our rural area through quality education based programs.



Our Programs

Early Learning Program

Provides safe, loving, and professional care for our smallest treasures. The Center serves infants through kindergartners and is licensed by the South Carolina Department of Social Services and nationally accredited by the Council On Accreditation. The Pennsylvania Children's Center is one of the highest rated facilities in the county. Dedicated staff are certified in early childhood learning and utilize the Creative Curriculum Gold (a nationally recognized and recommended curriculum by the SC Department of Education) to help our little ones reach their fullest potential possible.

Afterschool Program

Provides an evidenced-based curriculum that addresses each students learning needs. Studies show that afterschool programs like Tamassee's improve students' behavior, school attendance, and scholastic performance. Our program offers homework support as well as individualized tutoring so each student can overcome their struggles, reach and exceed grade level. Our Afterschool Program also provides enrichment activities such as STEM, arts and crafts, music and drama, cooking and outdoor activities like gardening. Our trauma informed staff also instill resiliency skills in students to empower them to overcome challenging life experiences so they succeed in school and in life.

Navigators Program

The Navigators Program fosters good citizenship in students. Tamassee believes children are our nation's greatest treasure and can develop into exceptional students. We seek to instill four principles of citizenship in our students. When these principles are practiced, they lead to success for students, our community, and our country. The principles are courage, dignity, passion, and service.

Students learn good citizenship through completing projects based on one of the principles, earning achievements and ranks for their accomplishments, and competing in teams to win the annual Citizen's Cup.



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BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIPS

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Who We Are

For over 100 years, Tamasee DAR School has provided a safe, secure and loving environment that has led to positive outcomes for thousands of children and youth. As a private 501-(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Tamasee provides quality early learning and afterschool education programs for infants through middle-school students.

The Need

Just as before, Tamasee answers the call for children needing access to quality education. The need for early learning and afterschool services for children is staggering. These are some of our most vulnerable children—living with a single parent/grandparent that are at or below the poverty level; lack access to proper nutrition; have experienced trauma; falling behind in their education; and lack appropriate support for meeting their learning needs.



Nearly **25%** of children in our service area live in poverty

60% are reading below grade level



67% of children have experienced trauma

93% of students do NOT have access to afterschool programming



Tamasee's quality program offers safe on-campus educational spaces for children to learn; healthy snacks and meals for hungry tummies; Bridge Scholarships to support children in need; enrichment activities; STEM learning; physical activity and fun; and positive, professional staff and teachers.

Bridge Scholarships

Bridges often create wonder and beauty for us as we travel this great country while at the same time providing an essential service. Bridges provide safe passage sometimes across great chasms, sharp rocky terrain or vast bodies of water. In essence, a bridge allows us to successfully and safely cross over to our destination or reach our intended goal.

That is exactly what Bridge Scholarships help our children do today. Bridge Scholarships "bridge" the learning gaps for children who are struggling in school while also helping them navigate passed adverse and rocky areas they may have experienced in their life. Often these students are from working families who struggle to support their children's education the way they want to and who lack the financial means to provide the quality programming Tamasee offers and that their child needs. Without a bridge to help them cross over to a better tomorrow, these children will fall further behind in their education, give up hope, and may even drop-out by the time they reach high-school.



Here are examples of the impact your Bridge Scholarship can make. *(A gift in any amount for a Bridge Scholarship is greatly appreciated. Those that give \$500 or more will receive recognition during our annual Awards Day celebration.)*

\$5,000+ ANNUALLY supports a full year of early learning for children in need including summer. This includes cognitive and social-emotional development, kindergarten readiness, healthy snacks/meal each day, enrichment activities, and professional staff.

\$2,000 will sponsor a full academic year of afterschool programming

\$1,000 will help provide a summer of programming filled with enrichment and learning.

\$500 annually assists in providing needed supplies for our citizenship program for at least 10 children.

☐ YES, I will be the bridge for children in need.

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