

# The Gibbs School Building Community

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# Speakers

- Marianne Racioppi, Executive Director, Learn To Grow
- Linda Shoemaker, Executive Director, Arlington Center for the Arts
- Gina Jones, Director of Day Services, The Kelliher Center
- Ted Wilson, Executive Director, Schools for Children

# Who We Are

Organizations that provide a range of needed services to adults and children from Arlington and neighboring towns.

- At the Gibbs since 1989
- Enhanced Services for children
- Cultural enrichment
- Employment
- Reliable rental income and annual capital contribution
- Responsible tenants
- All four organization are educational programs
- Significant employers in the community
- Over the years, we have invested significantly in building renovations to adapt and maintain the spaces.

# Learn to Grow

- A NAEYC accredited early childhood program creating communities of young learners from infancy through pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.
- At Gibbs since 1989
- Faculty and Staff: 21
- Children: 100; 95 % Arlington Families, 75% from East Arlington, 10% DCF and State Voucher Families

# Arlington Center for the Arts (ACA)

- A vibrant community arts center devoted to the mission of "transforming lives and building community through the arts."
- At Gibbs since 1989
- Staff: 4 full time and 2 part time staff, 2 Summer camp coordinators, 21 Summer camp teachers, 32 Semester teachers, 33 Camp counselors.
- Creative Arts Camp for over 1,000 children, Arlington Children's Theatre, Adult Arts Classes & Workshops, Studio space for 16 visual artists and musicians, Shakespeare in the Park and many other arts programs.

# The Kelliher Center

- A Day Service Provider for individuals with developmental disabilities and brain injuries.
- The Center houses four programs: Day Habilitation, Employment Supports, Community Based Day Services and Acquired Brain Injury Day Habilitation.
- At Gibbs since 1989.
- Staff: 30
- Number of individuals served: 80+

# Lesley Ellis School

- A Schools for Children Program
- Lesley Ellis School has a rich history of innovation in the study and practice of early childhood and elementary education.
- Our mission is to educate young children (Preschool through Grade 8) in an individualized and engaging environment.
- An afterschool program is offered daily until 5:30.
- At Gibbs since 1989
- Faculty and Staff: 43
- Students: 165; 40% are Arlington residents; 25% receiving financial aid