

# RBJH Family Night Supper



Resident Marvin Parilman and his sister Barb Widman

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The annual Family Night Supper is a special tradition at the Rose Blumkin Jewish Home. Residents' family members and friends joined them for a memorable evening of dinner, complimentary photos, and a strolling violinist.

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## Pennie Z. Davis CDC is well connected thanks to Staenberg Anything Grant and iPads-for-all

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It is no secret that the Omaha JCC's Pennie Z. Davis Child Development Center strives to provide some of the best educational opportunities in the city to its families. Jeanine Huntoon, CDC Director and Lisa Cooper, CDC Assistant Director, are always looking for ways to update and incorporate new, fresh ideas for curriculum, activities, and communications, keeping the CDC up-to-date and connected to its clients.

"A few years ago, we were fortunate to purchase iPads for student use. We have seen the benefits that come from structured activities with iPads and the various ways teachers have used apps and various websites to enhance their teaching," explains Cooper. "After a few months, we began to realize that iPads could really help our teachers compile photos, share music between classrooms, streamline administrative needs, and communicate with parents more effectively," Cooper goes on to explain. As this goal began taking shape, Huntoon and Cooper began researching options and opportunities to maximize usage and secure funding.

While attending the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) Conference last November, they met with several vendors of family engagement apps. These apps create digital daily sheets and newslet-

ters sent directly to a parent's cell phone or email account. "I was excited about the prospect of bringing something like this to the CDC," says Cooper. "I knew that other centers in

ready made such a difference in our classrooms!" exclaims Cooper, who reports that teachers have been testing out the new app and were starting to compile holiday playlists that could be shared between devices. The new iPads have replaced large, outdated CD player/ tape deck stereos and older, lower quality cameras, allowing teachers to easily find songs and content, and to compile pictures in one secure location.

"We really couldn't have done this without help from the Staenberg grant," explains Cooper. "Being from St. Louis, I am very familiar with Mr. Staenberg and his family's philanthropic efforts. I first heard about the Anything Grants several years ago when my family's synagogue in St. Louis received one, so I was excited to hear that the Staenberg Family Foundation was going to expand the Anything



Grant program to Omaha. Anything Grants will match half of the grant funds for a project, up to a certain amount," explains Cooper. "We were fortunate in that we already had some funding sources in place, so there was no question as to the matching funds. I knew this was the opportunity we needed to secure the iPads and the Kaymbu subscription for all 11 of our classrooms at one time, rather than a few at a time. We, at the CDC, are always looking for ways to improve our school and are so thankful to have been a recipient of this generous and unique funding opportunity."

the area use these types of programs and something like this would be welcomed by our parents and teachers." Cooper and Huntoon worked together researching the package that best fit the needs of the CDC and ended up choosing 'Kaymbu'; an app that has been proven to meet the needs of many other preschool programs at JCCs nationwide. Once they hammered out costs for a multi-year subscription, tech support and 11 iPads, they were able to find matching funds through the Staenberg Family Foundation Anything Grant, allowing them to turn their goal into a reality. "It has al-



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