

SECOND HOME LEARNING CENTER (2007 – PRESENT)

“Now there is no greater service of God than Christian love which helps and serves the needy” ~Martin Luther



As we close the ELCA’s “God’s work. Our hands.” Week of Service, we are reminded that our community outreach and service is not limited to a day or a week. Muhlenberg has demonstrated a commitment to share God’s compassion by serving our community on a daily basis. Today, during **Second Home Sunday**, we celebrate the new school year and ask God’s blessing on Second Home Learning Center. Second Home Children’s Choir and their families join us in worship at the 11:00 am service. Please join us after each service for a celebration reception in the Gathering Area.



Second Home is dedicated to the care of disadvantaged students. Muhlenberg and the community worked to develop Second Home as a fully licensed facility for children grades K-6 with a focus on academics. Since its inception, Second Home’s reach has expanded to include five schools in Harrisonburg. Over 100 children who might otherwise be home alone are provided care, healthy food, academic support, and enrichment. We are grateful for the many ways the Muhlenberg community helps take care of our children and families through in-kind gifts, monetary donations, and your time as caring volunteers.

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Second Home students often do not have the opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities such as drama or art, so we bring the fun to them! Utilizing our talented staff and with support from our community (including the Arts Council of the Valley), we are proud to offer the production of *The Addams Family Young @ Part*. Join us for this and any or all of our family-friendly fall fundraisers:

- **Second Home Players Present *The Addams Family Young @ Part***
 - **Friday, November 1:** Evening performance
 - **Saturday, November 2:** Addams Family Dinner Theater. Enjoy an Addams Family Classic meal followed by the play performance.
 - **Sunday, November 3:** Afternoon Performance

Contributions from all three performances and dinner will benefit Second Home and allow us to provide academic enrichment to our students.
- **Panera Fundraiser** - October 17th
- **Chick-fil-A Fundraiser** - November 13th

For more information about Second Home or to inquire about volunteer opportunities, contact Director Krisztina Szekely (2ndhomedirector@gmail.com or 432-7989.)

START UP NEEDS



Second Home is off to a great start. Children are adjusting quickly and enjoying many learning activities. Daily reading and story times, arts and crafts, and educational games have been on the schedule since the first day of school. Some students are starting to bring homework.

Busy children encounter accidents — spills, mud, and the occasional nosebleed. To replenish our emergency clothes supply, we are in need of gently used, clean t-shirts, stretchy pants, and socks in sizes child 5 - adult medium. We are also looking for a vehicle booster seat. If you are able to donate any of these items, please bring them to our office in the MAC weekdays.