UP AT CAROLINE MISSION

The licensed and accredited UP at Caroline Mission Early Childhood Education Center provides children, ages 6 weeks to five years, from low-income families with high-quality early childhood education and care. The services are offered on a sliding scale and includes an individualized development plan for each child in addition to a strong focus on parent engagement. The Teaching Strategies Gold assessment system is utilized to design activities and track each child’s individual progress. Ultimately, the goal of Caroline Mission is to prepare children for success in kindergarten and beyond.

UP AFTER SCHOOL

With a strong commitment to personal growth and academic success, UP After School provides before-school and after-school services for elementary aged students in primarily low-income neighborhoods in the St. Louis area. Serving 17 school sites and one community-based site in 2017, the program provides homework assistance, character development, cultural awareness, strong arts programming, and uses an evidence-based curriculum for math, literature, physical fitness, and nutrition. Conscious Discipline, a research-based behavior management curriculum, is used to empower staff to use everyday conflicts to teach children life skills and encourage pro-social behavior.

UP ENRICHMENT CAMPS

UP Enrichment Camps offer fun and enriching activities designed to reduce “summer slide” while providing an experiential approach to joyful summer learning. Strategically located at nine partner sites in St. Louis City and County in 2017, the 8-week camps give children ages 5 to 12-years-old opportunities for traditional camp, and an overnight camp experience. Camp activities include swimming lessons, nutrition, fitness, studio and performing art, STEM, field trips, sports—all within the context of promoting healthy social/emotional growth.

UP AT MAGNIFICENT CREATIONS

Magnificent Creations, a t-shirt screen printing business located in North City, is a social enterprise and a comprehensive program that combines positive youth development with valuable work experience. This carefully designed program, serving teen girls and boys, ensures that the youth are equipped with the skills needed to enter and succeed in the workforce. Teens benefit from a safe and nurturing environment during the critical afterschool hours, gain valuable work experience, earn a pay check, and build strong relationships with peers and adults. Through group sessions using Wyman’s Teen Outreach Program (TOP) and Parents as Teachers’ Partnering with Teens curriculum, teens work on character development, professional development, and setting and achieving educational and career goals.
**MISSION** The mission of Unleashing Potential is to close the opportunity gap for children and youth by building on their strengths. We create educational and empowering experiences through early childhood education, after school programs, youth development and enrichment camps.

**VISION** A St. Louis community where all children, youth and families live into their potential.