

## Message from the Executive Director

I just got off of a call with Dr. Chip Donohue of the TEC Center at Erikson Institute, and Dr. Kathleen Paciga, our Early Career Research Fellow, regarding progress on our report on digital media and social emotional development. Though we are still early in the stages, I can see that this report is more relevant than ever as we think about children's social-emotional development in today's technology landscape. Katie will give more insight into her work through blog posts starting next month, and we look forward to sharing the final report in late 2016.

With Thanksgiving less than a week away, I thought it is only fitting that I give thanks to all of you who support the work of the Fred Rogers Center. It is clear that you are sharing our message as we have seen a rise in inquiries regarding bringing our initiatives to communities across the country. I also want to thank those of you that send me notes of encouragement and suggestions; they are meaningful and keep me smiling.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mrs. Joanne Rogers. I could never really thank her enough for her support, insight, and wicked sense of humor. She is truly a blessing to all of us here at the Center.

Wishing you a wonderful holiday and thank you for everything you do in service to children and their families.

Sincerely,



Rick Fernandes

## In the Archive



A student researcher came to the Archive looking for materials on kindness and helping behavior. She read speeches, articles, and *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* scripts written by Fred Rogers. Through those writings, Fred expressed his unwavering philosophies about being kind to all of our neighbors and always looking for the helpers. But besides the writings and the *Neighborhood* television program, what can we look at to see Fred actually demonstrating the kindness and care that he wrote and talked about?

Photographer Lynn Johnson was able to capture those moments

## New On the Blog

[Simple Interactions: The Flu Shot Theory of Child Development](#) -- in this post Dr. Junlei Li explores what we can accomplish by identifying, sharing, and growing the good work that is already happening in places where children learn and grow.

## Just Released

The Fred Rogers Center is at the annual National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Conference today to talk about the latest report on [Technology in the Lives of Educators and Early Childhood Programs: Trends in Access, Use, and Professional Development](#). The survey research conducted by Northwestern University and the Rogers Center in collaboration with the NAEYC strives to understand trends and changes to the current early childhood technology environment.

## Digital Media and Lending

Tanya Baronti, Fred Rogers Center Digital Media and Learning Project Manager, recently started a new pilot for our Digital Media and Lending initiative in Westmoreland County. A heartfelt thanks go out to our friends at Adams Memorial Library for hosting a

in her twenty years of working with Fred. In this picture you can see Fred, as Mister Rogers, being the helper to someone in need. This photograph shows that there is no clear distinction between Mister Rogers, the television personality, and Fred Rogers, the person. Thanks to this collection of Ms. Johnson's photos, we can see Fred living his words. We thank Ohio University for sharing the Lynn Johnson Collection with the Fred Rogers Center.

To see more artifacts in the Archive and read their stories, check out our new [gallery](#). Additions are made monthly.

## Carrying the Legacy Forward -- In My Own Words

Each day we have the incredible good fortune to receive wonderful stories about the impact Fred Rogers had on people's lives. This Halloween we received a touching email from Jennifer Fischer.



"This is Frederick Shaw Fischer, 6 months old. He's named in honor of Mister Rogers and dressed the part for Halloween. We wish that he may love his neighbor as earnestly as his namesake."

Please continue to [share your Fred stories](#) with us. We love hearing your thoughts on "America's favorite neighbor."

kick-off celebration to familiarize early childhood educators with the program.

## #GivingTuesday

On December 1, it's time to start the holiday season off right with #GivingTuesday. #GivingTuesday is a global movement to encourage philanthropy and neighborly kindness. It's also a great day to make a gift to the Fred Rogers Center as all donations are eligible for matching funds. Simply go [online](#) to make a donation, and promote your giving through social media. Use #FRCGivingTuesday and your post will appear next to other friends of the Center. Share your acts of kindness by uploading your #unselfie pics to our Facebook and Twitter feeds and share by using the above hashtags.

## Words of Wisdom



"I believe that appreciation is a holy thing, that when we look for what's best in the person we happen to be with at the moment, we're doing what God does; so in appreciating our neighbor, we're participating in something truly sacred." -Fred Rogers

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