

Kids & Company Opens Brand New Childcare Center at 451 D Street in Boston's Seaport District

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Award-winning Canadian childcare company celebrates opening of 20,000-square-foot facility with ribbon cutting



Celebrating the completion of construction at the new 20,000-square-foot Boston Seaport location of Kids & Company at 451D, where the award-winning Canadian childcare company is expanding its U.S. presence. The building is owned in a joint venture led by Meritage Properties and CV Properties, and CBRE/New England is the leasing agent. Pictured from left to right: Jennifer Giarla-Salsgiver, Property Manager, LPC Boston; Jackie Kardesh, Director of Marketing & Operations, Kids & Company; Justin Dziama, Senior Vice President, Avison Young (holding his son, Jayce Dziama); Victoria Sopik, CEO and Co-Founder, Kids & Company; Dawn Petitpas, Center Director of Boston Seaport location, Kids & Company; Kevin Galvin, Property Manager, CV

Properties; Jonathan Freni, Senior Vice President/Partner, CBRE/New England.

Boston families will have access to unique, award-winning and proprietary childcare programs and services when **Kids & Company**, a Canadian leader in the industry, continues its U.S. expansion into the New England market at 451 D Street. The building is owned in a joint venture led by Meritage Properties and CV Properties. CBRE/New England is the leasing agent for 451 D Street.

Today, 451 D Street and Boston's Seaport community welcomed the Kids & Company executive team and celebrated the completion of construction with a ribbon cutting ceremony. This fall, the center will open its 20,000 square feet space to families in the community, offering education and care to more than 200 children and providing full-time, part-time and emergency backup care for children from the ages of six weeks to six years. Kids & Company provides a unique model of child care that includes guaranteed placement, no late fees, password protected web cams and proprietary educational programs (music, Spanish, on-site special needs coaching, and sign language).

The center also provides children with snacks and meals fresh-from-scratch, free of chemicals, additives and preservatives for the children in their care, as part of a philosophy of building healthy bodies and minds. Diverse menus are also developed to expand their food choices and eating habits. Similarly, meals are served family-style as a way to empower children, improve motor skills and promote pride and ownership of the food they are eating.

Kids & Company was launched in 2002 in Toronto, Canada by Victoria Sopik, a mother of eight, and Jennifer Nashmi, a mother of three. The pair of industry leaders have won prestigious awards for their entrepreneurship, passion, service, innovation and growth.

"Kids & Company is excited to bring our approach to child care services to New England as we continue expanding into the U.S. 451 D Street is an ideal setting for our first center in this market, with an easily accessible Seaport location and programmatically ideal space," said **Victoria Sopik**, CEO and Co-Founder of Kids & Company. "Many families are struggling to balance work and providing their children with quality care. We hope to help alleviate that stress and give parents peace-of-mind, knowing that their children are in a convenient and safe educational environment."

"Being a part of Kids & Company's opening is an exciting moment for us as a building owner," said Erin Shaw, Managing Director, Meritage Properties LLC. "The ability to offer high quality daycare to our building community and the surrounding neighborhood is a unique and powerful amenity. We particularly appreciate Kids & Company's guaranteed placement policy for 451D street employees and their overall commitment to the Seaport community."

In Canada, Kids & Company offers a blend of community-based and corporate-sponsored child care at its nearly 100 licensed centers. It is the leader in corporate-sponsored child care, partnering with many of North America's largest and most recognizable corporations to provide work-life-balance solutions. More than 12,000 children receive high-quality child care from Kids & Company each year.

About Kids & Company

Kids & Company has been providing high-quality, flexible and unique child care and learning programs since 2002. It creates partnerships with families and communities to develop confident and caring children, and partners with family-oriented corporations to develop progressive child care options that help address the work-life balance of their employees and families. Kids & Company offers guaranteed full-time, part-time and emergency backup care in their centers. Co-founded by Victoria Sopik and Jennifer Nashmi, Kids & Company is committed to continuing its expansion of high-quality and consistent child care services in North America. For more information visit us. www.kidsandcompany.com

About Meritage Properties

Founded in 2003, Meritage Properties is a value-oriented owner operator of office properties, primarily focused on the Boston to Washington, D.C. corridor. Meritage utilizes a combination of disciplined underwriting metrics, best-in-class operating principles, outstanding business reputation and ethics, and an unwavering commitment to excellence in creating value by repositioning underperforming assets into market sector leaders. Since inception, Meritage has acquired interests in approximately 3.7 million square feet of office space and 500 residential units valued at nearly \$1 billion.

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