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CINCINNATI – One of Cincinnati's oldest nonprofits has merged with a child development center that has served the West Side community for more than 50 years.

The Children's Home, serving children and families since 1864, has assumed responsibilities for St. James Child Development Center located on Boudinot Avenue.

John Banchy, President and CEO of The Children's Home said they plan to invest significant resources toward capital improvements to the property and facility, which will be renamed under The Children's Home's early childhood services sub-brand known as CoStars. These resources will also promote staff training programs, improve outcomes, and bring the wide array of Children's Home's employee benefits to St. James staff.

"I think this expansion demonstrates the commitment of The Children's Home and St James to ensure our young children and families have access to the best early learning experiences available," said Roderick Hinton, chief administrative officer of The Children's Home. "St. James has a history of offering quality childcare. One of our first goals will be to enhance what is currently being offered so that they are elevated from a 3-Star Step-Up- To-Quality rating by the state to a 5-Star rating while steadily bringing our other early childhood services to the West Side community."

"The St. James family joining The Children's Home is a win for Cincinnati," said Carol Schneider, board chair at St. James Child Development Center. "Our nonprofit's mission is the same as theirs – to offer transformational services for children and families benefiting our city's future."

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