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## Redwood City 2020 Tuesday Tidbits

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### Child Care Challenges

A recent study by the Center for American Progress identifies multiple neighborhoods in Redwood City as "child care deserts." A child care desert is any census tract with more than 50 children under age five that contains either no child care providers or so few options that there are more than three times as many children as licensed child care slots. The resulting impact of this



shortage includes children not benefiting from early learning opportunities, local organizations struggling to hire and retain staff, parents delaying their re-entry into the workforce, and families unable to balance their household budgets.

In October 2017, Redwood City 2020 hosted a Child Care Solutions Hackathon in which diverse stakeholders collaborated cross-sector to address this acute community challenge. A summary paper detailing the solutions generated at the hackathon [can be found here](#). This month, Redwood City 2020 Executive Director Jana Kiser presented about the child care-related momentum building in the collaborative to the Redwood City Chamber of Commerce to garner additional support.

Stay tuned for ways to get involved!

### Successful 2nd Annual Redwood City 2020 Presidents' Breakfast!

On February 15, 2018 Redwood City 2020 hosted a successful 2nd Annual Presidents' Breakfast. This fundraising event was attended by more than one hundred diverse



stakeholders, showcased a community member's success story working with Redwood City 2020, and featured a compelling panel of experts who spoke about equity challenges facing our changing community. After the event, attendees commented that they learned a great deal and felt inspired to take action to improve our community. The breakfast had 15 generous sponsors and raised more than

\$13,000 to support Redwood City 2020 initiatives which improve the academic success of all students, increase community engagement, promote health and wellness, and enhance safety in Redwood City and North Fair Oaks. Thank you to all who attended and supported the Presidents' Breakfast!

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