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Dear

When the reality of finding quality childcare came crashing down around us, **Child Care Resource** was there to guide us. Please consider a donation this Fall so that all families, especially those less fortunate than mine, can continue to have this important assistance.

My husband and I adopted our son at the age of 21 months: he was energetic and cute with a glint of trouble in his eyes. He had been in an emergency placement foster home and ours was his third home in a month. In his short life, he had experienced neglect and physical abuse and he was sorely in need of love, safety, and stability.

While we were as prepared as possible, we were overwhelmed. Among our critical needs was child care. We needed to go back to work very soon. Thankfully, our social worker suggested we call Child Care Resource. Child Care Resource's calm and knowledgeable staff helped us identify options and armed us with questions to ask and things to look for when visiting child care programs.

With CCR's help, we decided to look for a small center that had experience with trauma but none were available. Instead, we chose a program that seemed safe and had an opening. Within the year, we called Child Care Resource again for more help.

Our second search resulted in a better fit; we felt more confident in the teachers because they regularly attended Child Care Resource professional development classes and consulted with CCR to strengthen their classroom practices.

This fall, as our son has entered kindergarten, we've reflected on the journey that brought us here. Child Care Resource has been there for us in so many ways and we want other families who are less fortunate to have this support as well.

Our community needs Child Care Resource! Please consider a donation today.

Sincerely,

Beth Demers
Child Care Resource Board Member



For the past 30 years, Child Care Resource has been helping families find child care and supporting the growth of quality child care options in Chittenden County so that children, birth-through age twelve, are developing to their full potential and are well-prepared for school and for life.

“ I can say thank you a million times but it will never be enough to express my family’s depth of gratitude for you and CCR. Even though our gains are small and have taken years to achieve, we have been able to slowly make our way forward thanks in large part to your dedication, determination, compassion, and caring. ”

~ CCR Family Support Client

Here’s what we did last year:

For families:

- Finding child care – 850 families received personalized child care referral services.
- Affording child care – 2,610 financial assistance applications processed for a monthly average of 1,224 families receiving child care financial assistance.

For early care and education professionals:

- Group training - 967 early care and education professionals completed 9,781 training hours.
- New Americans Child Care Business Development – 31 Somali Bantu and Bhutanese New Americans participated in interpreter supported training and mentoring.
- Consultation - 74 programs were supported by on-site or telephone consultation.
- Toy and Equipment Lending – 60 programs received monthly lending deliveries.

For children:

- Child care meals - An average of 882 children per month received nutritious meals in child care under Child Care Resource’s sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. Over the year, 422,548 child care meals were served by CCR sponsored programs.
- Family Child Care Pre-Kindergarten Partnership – Our licensed teacher worked with 5 programs and 15 children. All 4 year-olds served entered kindergarten eager to learn and ready to participate.

For communities:

- Growing Kids South Burlington and Growing Kids Essex Junction are our partnerships with local school districts. Using a range of community specific strategies, we worked together to ensure that all district children enter kindergarten eager to learn and ready to participate.



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