



Child and Family Opportunities, Inc.

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Dear Sir or Madam,

This morning 4 year old Alison happily begins her day at the new collaborative "Peninsula Early Care and Education Center" at the Sedgwick Elementary School. Alison knows she can count on the smiles of her teachers, her very own cubby, and that oh-so-fun sand table.

Alison and the 350 other children at Child and Family Opportunities (CFO) programs in Washington and Hancock counties also count on the generosity of individuals like you who contribute time and money to make sure that there is quality early care in our communities.

The program Alison attends is a case in point because it exists not only because CFO designated funds and agreed to manage the program, but because the St. Francis by the Sea Episcopal Church contributed nearly \$70,000 and the Sedgwick School agreed to house the program.

We should all be proud to live in communities where churches, nonprofits, schools, and individuals, despite government funding cuts, roll up their sleeves, collaborate, donate, and make things happen for kids. With your donation you can join us in supporting local children's services.

For 37 years CFO has been offering the kind of quality early care and education that starts kids off right. Not only are CFO's preschool programs top notch, but because all children deserve quality care, CFO sponsors training and career development for any child care provider in Washington and Hancock counties through its Resource Development Center.

CFO programs don't end with child care. The Healthy Peninsula program at CFO works with communities on a variety of health issues, from improving nutrition in local schools to having recently pioneered a groundbreaking smoking cessation program.

I am asking you to give to an agency whose programs I know well. I have been involved with CFO for 27 years, first as a student volunteer, then as an employee (and parent of a CFO preschooler), and now as a member of the board of directors.

There is a mountain of scientific evidence showing that quality preschool experience will impact children positively for the rest of their lives.

With your support, CFO will continue to do what it does best - care for and educate children at the time of life when it matters most, and provide support to families during those critical early years.

Each contribution matters to a child in our community. Just make your check out to Child and Family Opportunities and return it in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you for your support,

Cara Guerrieri
Board Chair

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