



Dear Carousel Student and Alumni Parents:

We are proud to introduce the Concord Carousel Preschool Scholarship Fund (CCPSF), formed January 2017. While the Scholarship Fund is in its fledgling stage, a committee of parents, teachers, and Concord Recreation staff is working hard to give it wings - fast!

*Do You Remember...*

Far Away Fridays in the Red Room? School trips to the orchard for apple picking? Fun times at Stay and Play, or Stay and Swim at Beede? Mother's Day shopping at the Council on Aging? From autumn walks through town to tearful graduation slideshows, Concord Carousel Preschool teaches children to build up their community, both within the walls of our school and beyond.

*Mission Statement of the CCPSF*

To provide financial assistance to families who could not send their children to Concord Carousel Preschool without aid.

*Why a Scholarship Fund?*

A high-quality preschool experience is important to the growth of children. Carousel parents see firsthand how Concord Carousel Preschool promotes the physical, social, emotional, and cognitive growth of our children. For further proof-in-the-preschool-pudding, an [NPR.org](http://www.npr.org) article cites multiple, recent studies on the long term benefits of a "high-quality" preschool, with high-quality defined as small class sizes, student-directed learning, and lots of open-ended play. Does this sound like a page out of the Concord Carousel Preschool's playbook? It is. These components are at the core of the Carousel curriculum.

Concord Carousel Preschool believes it is vital to our community and the development of our children to help families in need. **We need our community's support to meet this objective.** Concord Carousel Preschool is self-funded: all program costs such as teachers' salaries, supplies, and janitorial needs come out of Preschool user fees with no additional funding from the town. The Scholarship Fund will help make high-quality preschool available to more families without further tapping into user funding.

*Fundraising Goal*

Our goal is to raise \$5,000 by May 31, 2017. This money will fund awards for the 2017/2018 school year.

## *Ways to Support*

### **Donations**

By supporting the CCPSF, you will help assure that all children have access to a high-quality preschool experience. If your employer matches charitable contributions, they can help too! Your donation can be mailed to:

**Concord Recreation Department**

**ATTN: Ryan Kane**

**90 Stow Street, Concord, MA 01742**

***Checks should be made out to the Town of Concord with Concord Carousel Preschool Scholarship Fund in the memo.***

### **Spread the Word**

Your help in sharing this cause with generous members of our community can make a huge difference. Please let people know about our group and how to contact us should they want to get involved.

### **Charitable Organizations**

Are you involved with, or do you know of, organizations that support causes such as ours? Please let us know!

### **Services**

Do you have access to in-kind or reduced fee facilities, food, printing, raffle items, creative design, or other services that may be helpful as we coordinate fundraising events?

### **Event Planning**

Do you have a great fundraising idea? We want to hear it!

To support our initiative or to learn more about how you can get involved, please contact Erin Fife, Concord Carousel Preschool teacher and parent at [efife@concordma.gov](mailto:efife@concordma.gov).

Respectfully,

The Concord Carousel Preschool Scholarship Fund Committee

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Jordan Binder, Parent and Teacher

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