



# Child Care Resource

September 18, 2014

Selectboard  
Town of Charlotte  
P.O. Box 119  
Charlotte, Vermont 05445

Dear Selectboard Members:

Child Care Resource would like to request \$750 in support from the Town of Charlotte. Below is a description of what we do and highlights of the services we have provided to Charlotte residents in the past year.

Child Care Resource has a 30 year history in our community. Since 1984, CCR has been helping families find child care and supporting the growth of child care options in Chittenden County. Today, CCR provides a full range of important services to families, educators, child care business owners, school districts, and communities. As a result, children are more likely to have basic needs met and be healthy as they grow and learn. Through all of this work, CCR strives to ensure that children, birth through age twelve, are developing to their full potential and are well-prepared for school and for life.

In Charlotte, full-time child care options for children ages birth through 5 are limited. Charlotte Children's Center is the only child care center and has the capacity to serve 65 children. This includes only 12 children under the age of 2. There are also 3 family child care programs with a total capacity of 30 children including 6 children under the age of 2. Charlotte Children's Center is recognized for high quality by Vermont's STARS program and its tuition is the highest in Chittenden County. The family child care programs are not participating in STARS and charge tuition that is below the county average.

Child Care Resource supports Charlotte children in the child care location of their family's choice which is often outside the Town of Charlotte. We do this in many important ways. In our FY14 (July 2013 to June 2014):

- Eleven Charlotte families, including 10 low-income families, received personalized consultation as well as referrals to child care providers based upon their needs and preferences.
- Thirty-four child care educators, who live or work in Charlotte participated in group professional development opportunities offered through Child Care Resource. In total they participated in 545 hours of professional development.

- Twenty-one Charlotte children had nutritious meals in child care through our sponsorship of the Child and Adult Care Food Program. In total, 14,364 meals were served and \$15,470 was drawn down from the federal government to reimburse child care providers for the cost of these meals.

In addition, we offered professional consultation and coaching for program staff and families, especially those caring for children with special needs. All of these services and more make Child Care Resource the one-stop shop for child care for Charlotte and for Chittenden County.

Our services are sustained by a diverse array of funding sources that change over time. Our currently operating budget is \$1.87 million. We are requesting \$500 from the Town of Charlotte to help support all of our services.

Please let me know if you need any other information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elizabeth Meyer".

Elizabeth Meyer  
Executive Director