

Update for Friends of CFC

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As a friend of CFC, we want to stay in touch with you about this important project for our community. The CFC will house five long-standing agencies: **Family Network; Family Service: Prevention, Education & Counseling; Highland Park Community Nursery School & Day Care; Highland Park/Highwood Home Child Care Association; and Tri Con Child Care Center.** For more information about partner agencies click [HERE](#).

An Investment in the Community

During a recent visit, nationally-noted economist Art Rolnick spoke with CFC organizers and potential project donors to explain why investing in quality early childhood education should be viewed as economic development, not just as education. “We need to rethink economic development in this country,” states Rolnick who champions the economic benefits of early education. “Economic research strongly suggests that a key ingredient to economic growth is investment in human capital. Studies show that communities achieve an economic return of \$17 for every \$1 spent on early childhood education. Look, hands down, early education beats conventional economic development, which is little more than a bidding war between municipalities. And it stacks up well against any private return.” Rolnick says studies show that if done right and focused on at-risk children, “we can achieve measurable, sustainable outcomes.”



Left to right, Brock LaMarca, Marc Berman, Jane Colman, Pam Feinberg, Arthur Rolnick, Herb Wander visit Tri Con Child Care Center

Host A House Party

In a major effort to boost public awareness, the Community Family Center has begun a series of House Parties held in private residences throughout the community. These events are designed to educate the public about the critical need to complete the CFC project – building a single, structurally safe and efficient facility for five social service agencies that are currently housed in separate, over-crowded, deteriorating facilities. A CFC House Party can be hosted by any citizen who cares about the future of early childhood education and services for families and seniors in our community. A House Party will include representatives from the CFC and the host’s chosen guests who share his or her concern about providing a strong future for our community. To help demonstrate the project’s critical importance, a new CFC video is available, *To Build a Home: The Story of the Community Family Center*. Start planning your CFC House Party today by contacting Amy Zisook at: 847-433-5846 or dotland@ameritech.net.



Help Us Build for Our Community's Future

Please support our efforts to raise funds to reconstruct the Karger Center. With your help, we will create a model facility that will serve families throughout the area - many in need of assistance - by offering a single resource for life services, including early childhood and children's services, parent education, counseling and community education. The new and expanded facility (*rendering on right*) will be environmentally friendly and provide an opportunity to integrate services under one roof and to maximize resources. Click [HERE](#) to make a donation to the CFC.



Help spread the word about CFC and forward this email to a friend!



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