

## Letter from the Director

For over 40 years, Child Care Center at Christ Church has been in the business of caring for and educating young children and supporting families. Our journey has been a metamorphosis from a small individually owned day care in 1971 to a family like atmosphere housed in a fully licensed and accredited program that provides experiences for young children to learn about the world in a secure, warm and intimate setting. The opportunities to grow, by learning through play today allows children to build a body of knowledge necessary to be a successful learner through their lifetime.

At the very core of these activities is the belief that we serve our children best by working in partnership with our families and the community. In the past 40 years we have created and acted upon opportunities to interface with the community through the arts and local businesses in our neighborhood such as 171 Cedar Arts, the Rockwell Museum, the Corning Museum of Glass and the Southeast Steuben County Library, to name a few.

The tradition of quality will continue as we remain mission focused in building a stronger tomorrow through nurturing today. We plan to accomplish this through continued strong leadership, stable funding, increased visibility in the community and maintaining competitive facilities.

It is through the support of our volunteer board of directors, our families and our community that we will be able to continue to provide opportunities that will improve the lives of the children and families we serve for years to come.

Best Regards,  
Susan Belmont, Executive Director

## Board of Directors Message

The Board of Directors of the Child Care Center at Christ Church welcomes you to the organization's 2011 annual report. We think it provides a sense of who we are as an organization, what we believe, and a feel for the environment of love and learning that is provided to the children who spend their days at the Center. We hope this report will deepen your appreciation for the Center.

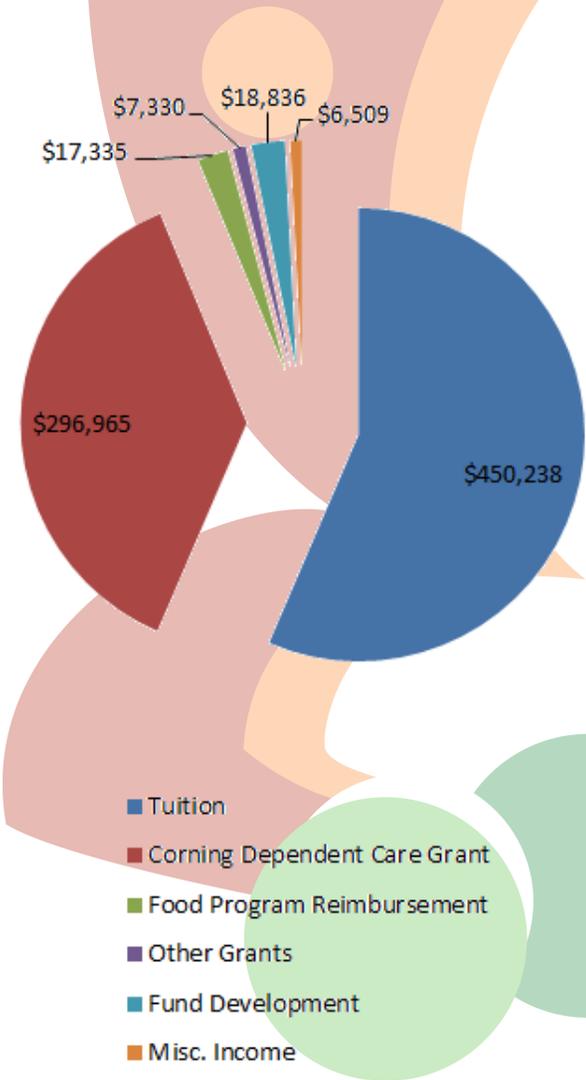
The Board is an all-volunteer group of individuals consisting of Center parents (current and former), community members, and representatives of Christ Episcopal Church. Through a series of function specific committees, the Board of Directors works closely with the Center's Executive Director and other staff to support the organization and strive toward its goals.

In 2011, the Child Care Center at Christ Church recognized 40 years of providing child care to the Corning and surrounding areas. While a number of things may have changed during the previous four decades, the one thing that has remained constant is the organization's commitment to the providing families of the Southern Tier with the highest quality care and education for their young children.

The Board of Directors is proud of the administrative and teaching staff of the Child Care Center at Christ Church for all they do for the children trusted to their care. These individuals work every day to make the Child Care Center at Christ Church a special place for children and are to be commended and admired for their dedication and commitment. They set the standard for quality child care in the Twin Tiers, and the Board of Directors is grateful for all they do.

Sincerely,  
Robert Harpster, President, Board of Directors

## 2011 Financials



## Mission Statement

*Building a stronger tomorrow through nurturing today.*

### RESPECT

The Ready, Set, Grow Child Care Center nurtures individuals through playful caring guidance that creates an environment of kindness and respect. By valuing individuality, our staff provides a foundation on which to build relationships that promote genuine caring for all.

### SAFETY

The Ready, Set, Grow Child Care Center ensures that through consistent observation, evaluation, feedback and communication on policies and practices surrounding health and safety, adaptations are made to maintain the daily peace of mind of our staff, children and families.

### FAMILY

The Ready, Set, Grow Child Care Center views the family as the most important teacher and nurturer in a child's life. We keep the focus on families through program involvement, education, and communication. By remaining small, we are able to know each of our families personally.

### LEARNING

The Ready, Set, Grow Child Care Center recognizes that all children, families, and staff are learners with potential. Our practice ensures that opportunities for optimizing learning exist through planned curriculum, parent education, mentoring, and fostering staff's educational achievement.

### ACCOMMODATION

The Ready, Set, Grow Child Care Center provides care that adapts to meet young children's needs while identifying and accentuating their strengths. We pride ourselves on being able to quickly perceive the unique and common needs of all in its care, and to quickly adjust how it nurtures their development to meet these needs. Our decision to remain a small, family-focused center enables us to be particularly attentive and responsive.

### EXCELLENCE

The Ready, Set, Grow Child Care Center continues to meet its goal of satisfying our customers when families feel the warm embrace of caring, nurturing and dedicated caregivers and when their children leave the Center better prepared for the challenges that the future presents. We achieve this by working tirelessly to celebrate the play, learning and growing that surrounds us.

## 2011 Financials cont.

