



October 23, 2008

Maggie Hall
Boys and Girls Committee Chair
Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica
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Dear Ms. Hall:

Thank you so much for the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica's recent \$3,000 and \$1,000 contributions to support St. Joseph Center's early childhood programs benefiting low-income young children and their families (checks #1314 and #1312, dated 9/25/08). We very much appreciate the additional \$1,000 for this year's grant as well as your reissuance of a misplaced \$3,000 check from 2006. If the missing check is located, we will promptly return it to Kiwanis Charities.

Last fiscal year, 85 children were enrolled in both ITDC and ELC. Low teacher-to-child ratios of 1:4 for toddlers and 1:7 for preschoolers enable staff members to give each child attention and care tailored to their individual needs. ITDC's and ELC's curriculums include such stimulating activities as art, singing, dancing, nature walks, free playtime, and pre-literacy building exercises. ITDC and ELC also offer parents the tools and information they need to maintain stable, healthy and nurturing homes. Monthly parenting classes emphasize the importance of at-home literacy activities, play, and age-appropriate discipline. In addition, parents are encouraged to come to parent-teacher conferences to discuss their child's individual needs.

Thank you once again for your commitment to high quality childcare for children from low-income homes. We look forward to updating you next year on how the Kiwanis Club of Santa Monica's support has helped the Center's early childhood programs succeed. If you have any questions or would like to see firsthand the work at ELC and ITDC, please contact our Development Director, Paul Rubenstein, at 310-396-6468 ext. 335.

Sincerely,

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