



Dear Friend's of Children's House,

This year, we are kicking off the annual, school wide "Year of Giving" initiative with our *House Fund* appeal. The *House Fund* provides for *forward-thinking* opportunities not included in the school's operating budget as well as non-recurring improvements to the Children's House facilities and classrooms.

Last school year we attained our goal of \$25,000 through contributions from board members, parents, grandparents, faculty and alumni. These funds were used to make improvements such as installing dishwashers and additional electrical outlets in classrooms, and drains for bathrooms to accommodate accidents and overflows.

The teachers and school leadership have recently worked with the Development Committee to prioritize needed improvements for the near future and voted with the board to move forward on the renovation and reclaiming of nearly 1,300 square feet of space in the upstairs area of the school. We invite you to tour the space so that we can further explain how this project will affect our Children's House community.

Renovation would start and finish summer of 2012; would cost roughly \$60,000; and would improve meeting spaces, work spaces for volunteers, teacher resource development and storage spaces, add a kitchenette, and add a much needed break room for teachers, away from the classrooms, allowing them to recharge between class sessions. Monthly parent coffees, prospective parent groups and community discussion groups could gather here as well.

Achieving this year's goal necessitates raising \$60,000. With the 100% support of the board and a few additional generous donors, we are already over halfway there!

Your participation makes a tremendous difference. In this kick-off to the "Year of Giving," we ask that you support the *House Fund* with a gift that is right for your family. All gifts appreciated and are tax-deductible.

On behalf of the Children's House, we very much appreciate your generosity in helping to achieve our goal for this year's *House Fund*.

Best regards,

McLean Johnston Barbieri,
Alumna, Parent, Board Member and
Development Committee Chairperson

Jennifer Chalos,
Classroom A Parent and Development Committee
Committee Member

YES

I/WE WILL SUPPORT THE HOUSE FUND'S 2011-12 "RAISING THE HOUSE"
PROJECT WITH A GIFT OF \$ _____

Giving Options — Please check all that apply

- Check is enclosed for full amount, made payable to Children's House
- Auto debit my bank account; Send me a donor ACH Agreement
- Credit Card** via the **DONATE** button at www.childrenshousenashville.org
- Spread payment over multiple years- please call office to discuss
- My employer, _____, offers a matching gift program.

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Please enclose a matching gift form from employer, if available