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Queen's Daycare

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Group Description

Queen's Daycare Centre provides care and education to children birth to 4 years of age at 2 sites on campus. We are unique on campus as the only organization providing full and half day childcare Mondays through Fridays year round for the university community. We contribute to the Queen's community by providing high quality care to over 80 families affiliated with Queen's University on an annual basis. All of our permanent staff are certified Registered Early Childhood Educators who provide a carefully executed program based on Ontario's pedagogical document *How Does Learning Happen*. We are a non-profit organization that rely greatly on the support from both the community and external funding to be able to provide quality materials and equipment to enhance our daily program.

Budgetary Breakdown

We continue to use the money we receive to enrich our play experiences for the children. Currently the children have been flourishing as they experiment with loose parts. Loose parts are versatile materials that can be moved all around the room and promote engineering, creativity, fine motor development, mathematical and scientific thinking, and much more. Money received from the SGPS goes directly into the children's programming to purchase toys and equipment to enrich their learning experiences.

Our fiscal year is January to December. Our 2019 audit will be completed by March 31, 2020. I will then be able to send you a copy. SGPS annually receives a copy of our financial statements, and therefore should have the most recent one available at this time.

Student Fee Questionnaire

1. *Why are we seeking a fee?*

As mentioned above, we are a centre that offers priority care to the Queen's University community. As the children grow, so do their interests and needs. As a non-profit organization

we are often seeking additional support to allow us to continue to provide program-enriching toys and equipment for the children to use.

2. *What direct benefit will SGPS members derive?*

We offer priority spaces for students who attend Queen's campus; several of whom are SGPS members. At any given point we are providing care to current SGPS members' children so that they may continue their studies while enjoying the comfort of knowing their children are in the hands of caring, knowledgeable, responsive teachers.

3. *How is the dollar value related to the benefit?*

Our highly qualified RECE teachers use an emergent curriculum approach to plan meaningful experiences for the children in our care. With the funding provided to us through SGPS, our teachers are able to continue to enrich their day to day program with materials that support the children's learning.

4. *When was your group established?*

Queen's Daycare has been providing care since 1969.

5. *What opportunities have you provided the Queen's Community with the fee in the past?*

Queen's University continues to attract students from all over the globe. We have recently used our funding from the SGPS to provide many multicultural resources for the children in our care, so that they may see themselves represented in the toys they play with, the books they read, and the environments they explore on a daily basis. The children who are in our care the year before attending kindergarten leave our centre armed with the necessary skills to be successful in beginning school, or with the supports necessary in place. SGPS money helps us to provide materials needed to nourish the children who attend here with opportunities to explore mathematics, science and engineering through their everyday play.

Thank you for your consideration.

Required signatures are attached.