

Village Preschool
200 High Street
Hampton, N.H. 03842

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Did you ever feel unprepared for a task? Have you ever been to a library when you couldn't read? Have you ever entered a room with strangers and had no idea how to deal with them? These are some of the feelings of a child entering kindergarten with no prior preschool experience. With common core standards being implemented in kindergarten, children are expected to enter kindergarten "ready to learn." The children are expected to know their letters, numbers, sounds, classroom operation and basic printing skills. If they do not have these skills, the children are behind their classmates and spend kindergarten and beyond "catching up." Children playing catch up are many times disruptive and have behavior issues.

Village Preschool is the only nonprofit 501 C preschool and extended care program in Hampton, N.H. Head Start, the government funded preschool, has suffered government budget reductions and has had to reduce classes so less children can participate. Head Start has no extended care programs for working parents. For profit preschool programs do not offer any assistance to working families and have higher tuition rates for families.

Village Preschool believes every child deserves the right to attend preschool. We have a classroom of twenty children from all social, economic and behavioral walks of life. We believe to be successful, a preschool has to have a healthy mix of children. Our state licensing agent recently commented on how nice it was to see so much diversity here on the Seacoast of New Hampshire. Village Preschool works very hard to make sure our program is available to all children. Some unique aspects of our programs are:

- Same preschool staff for twenty years
- We provide literacy readers three times a week to work with the children
- We have a ratio of five children to one teacher
- We have a natural classroom as well as our playground
- We have a comprehensive kindergarten preparation including math, language arts, pre-reading, social skills, sharing, and fine and gross motor skills
- We have an enrichment program featuring music, dance, and art

Village Preschool is asking for your help. Each year we provide scholarship assistance to working families, who do not qualify for state or local assistance. These families work at minimum paying jobs, which do not qualify for assistance. They usually fall through the cracks. Village Preschool assists these families with a partial scholarship for preschool. Each of these families is expected to pay half of the regular preschool tuition. If the family requires the extended day program, the family has to pay for this portion on their own.

With the economy still recovering, Head Start cutting classes and families getting back to work, the need for affordable preschool and extended day programs is at an all time high. All of our children and families live in the Hampton area.

Village Preschool is asking for your help with our scholarship program. Can your business help one of Hampton's youngest citizens? This donation not only provides an early learning experience, but will save on "catch up" costs when this child enters kindergarten. The child, which you help, will enter kindergarten "ready to learn."

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about our program and the importance of your donation.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

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How can I help Village Preschool?

Name of Business: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Please choose one of the following:

_____ **Village Mayor:** (\$2,500) This provides 1 child 5 day morning preschool for full year

_____ **Village Councilor:** (\$1,500) This provides 1 child 3 day morning preschool for full year

_____ **Village Teacher:** (\$1,000) This provides 1 child 2 day morning preschool for full year

_____ **Village Enrichment Program :** (\$500) This provides enrichment programs

_____ **Village Librarian:** (\$250) This provides a book distribution program each month

_____ **Village Supporter:** \$ _____

All donations are tax deductible and go 100% to local children. Please make checks payable to:

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Thank you!!