



## Update for Friends of CFC

October 3, 2011

As a friend of CFC, we want to stay in touch with you about this important project for our community. The CFC will house five long-standing agencies: **Family Network; Family Service: Prevention, Education & Counseling; Highland Park Community Nursery School & Day Care; Highland Park/Highwood Home Child Care Association; and Tri Con Child Care Center.** For more information about partner agencies click [HERE](#).

### Donor Profile: Why I Give

**Brock C. LaMarca** is a member of the CFC Board of Directors and serves on the Campaign Steering Committee. He and his wife Kristen have two daughters and live in Highland Park.



**Have you ever worked with children or in the nonprofit sector?** I have been involved in raising funds for the local United Way, which provides funds to CFC members, and with raising funds for a one-person, grass roots youth service organization in the City of Chicago.

**Why should someone who doesn't have children care about CFC?** If you believe that children are our future, whether they are your children or not, countless need tons of help. Our system is set up to help those that are not as fortunate on a grand scale. Good examples include our social security and Medicare programs. However, there are many children and families that fall through the cracks, especially in wealthy communities like ours. Most think that a community like Highland Park has everything taken care of. Many are wealthy or have enough, so we give elsewhere where the need is perceived to be greater. Unless it is brought to your attention, it is entirely possible you could live here and never realize we have hundreds of disadvantaged families that need our help. The distance between the "haves" and the "have nots" is even greater here.

**What is the most important thing that the Community Family Center agencies do, and why?** CFC agencies provide services to help families not only survive the stresses of life, but to give their children early childhood education to help them compete in our schools. This benefits the families and children of course, but this helps all of us. If we can keep these children in school, give them the ability to compete, and help them see the value of an education, long-term this can only serve our community well...not to mention society.

**Why do you give to CFC?** The primary reason I give to the CFC is to get these programs out of the basement, (literally) and help expand their ability to serve the families and children that currently cannot be served due to the lack of space in the current subpar facilities. The good news is that these programs get high praise! All the more reason to get behind this worthy cause and bring the issue into view.

**What criteria do you use to select which nonprofit organizations will receive your support?** There are so many charities, it is difficult to give an exact criteria for giving. I look at many things including how much money they are asking for, who will benefit from my donation, who are the staff members and how dedicated are they, and how my donation will impact the community.

**Why does the Community Family Center project matter?** Why does the CFC project matter???? Let me start by telling a story. I was talking to an elected official in Highland Park recently who has been in Highland Park for decades. I asked him if he knew about the organizations that CFC benefits, and he said he had never heard about them. That's not a bad thing, but it speaks volumes about the fact that these childcare and family care organizations are out of sight and out of mind here. I believe the beneficiaries of these quality programs are important to all of us and as fortunate as many of us are, we need to pay attention to the needs of the not so fortunate right in our own backyard. Our future and our children are counting on it.

### Support Children and Families

With your help, we will transform the Karger Center and create a model facility that will serve families - many in need of assistance - by providing early childhood education, after school programs, parent education, counseling for all ages, and community education. The new and expanded facility will be environmentally friendly, provide an opportunity to integrate services under one roof, and create synergies in service delivery and cost savings. Click [HERE](#) to donate now.

### CFC Annual Meeting



Please join us on  
**Wed., October 12**  
**9:00 a.m.**

Wolcott Hall, TriCon  
425 Laurel Ave., HP

Heidi Wennstrom, District 112 Assistant Superintendent, will make a special presentation. RSVP: 847-433-5846 or [comfamilycenter@sbcglobal.net](mailto:comfamilycenter@sbcglobal.net)

Help spread the word about CFC and forward this email to a friend!



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