



### **A Message from TCDN's Cooperative Committee**

TCDN was formed out of a cooperative spirit in 1972, when parents took on any and every job at the newly formed center. By sharing their time and talents, parents not only reduced costs; they made life-long friends.

In order to accommodate busy, working families, TCDN has since revised our cooperative model by incorporating a monetary option. At present, most families opt to pay the fee, and the service option has dwindled, making it less predictable and difficult to manage fairly.

**As a result, TCDN's parent-led Board has instituted a change in the fee structure for the 2017-2018 year. You will see an increase in the Registration Fee to reflect the former Cooperative Fee. Your child's site(s) will continue to receive a portion of this increase to be used for program enrichment and additional materials. These shifts will permit TCDN to manage increasing administrative costs while preserving the ability of our teachers to incorporate new materials targeted to the specific interests of sites and rooms.**

TCDN remains committed to our cooperative roots, and it is our hope that through these changes we can reactivate a broader sense of what has become a narrowing service option. In the spirit of finding new ways of creating community, we will plan regular opportunities for families to provide much-needed services to TCDN as well as to other organizations in our community.

We sincerely hope that you will continue to volunteer to help us in times of need. The valiant efforts of parents were integral to the Preschool renovations this year, and in those beautiful new classrooms we can see an extension of TCDN's founding cooperative spirit.

Research shows that parent involvement in a child's education is one of the key indicators of success in school, and we want to model a cooperative community where children see that teachers and families care for each other. These efforts will ensure that our children will grow to become caring members of the community themselves.

Jo Park,  
Chair, Cooperative Committee

