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Greetings,

The HUB Child & Family Centre is an organization which focuses all of our energy and resources on enriching the lives of children and their families in Prince Edward County. We are currently developing a new project and hope the community will show support.

Our not-for-profit organization has served the children and families of Prince Edward County since 1989. Our organization is dedicated to providing families with quality early learning and child care services. We do this through the provision of a number of programs and services focusing on children ages infant to 12 years old.

The HUB Child & Family Centre is currently involved in four main program areas: *Family Resource Centre and Ontario Early Years Centre, Licensed Child Care, Middle Years and Licensed Home Child Care programs.*

Our newest project, The HUB Children's Garden and Outdoor Classroom Project is one which supports families in our community in a number of ways. This project is the result of a number of Prince Edward County residents and organizations coming together to make a difference for those experiencing food security issues. The Garden is meant to be an outdoor learning facility where children and families learn the skills needed to grow and prepare local produce. In addition, the Garden will supply fresh produce to our programs and families. The Garden is an essential element in our Healthy Food Healthy Families approach.

The Garden contains numerous opportunities for children and parents to learn where their food comes from, grow it, harvest it and utilize the produce to bring fresh, healthy meals to our dinner tables. Prince Edward County has a rich agricultural history which in the hearts and minds of its youngest residents is fading. The skills once taken for granted are being lost and our project aims to provide our youngest residents with skills and knowledge which will positively impact the rest of their lives.

Initial community support has come from a number of organizations and individuals. We have received grants from Slow Foods, United Way Quinte, as well as donations from a number of individuals. The project so far has also benefitted from professional support of Landscape Architect, Victoria Taylor, Chef Jamie Kennedy and From the Farm Cooking School proprietor, Cynthia Peters.

We are currently building a sustainability plan which includes partnerships with many local community agencies and develop a community garden strategy to maintain the garden and share the produce grown. We plan to engage students from elementary, secondary and post secondary levels to support ongoing maintenance and development in the garden.

The project has completed the design phase and we are now working towards the construction phase of the project. We have enlisted the help of the Scott Wentworth Landscape Group, a local and well respected community minded company to make the dream a reality. The total estimated cost to complete Phase One of the Project is \$66,000 which includes the establishment of growing beds, the outdoor classroom, locating shade and growing structures and general landscaping. We recently received a grant from The Parrott Foundation for this total cost.

Phase Two which will include an outdoor stage and fixtures for an outdoor kitchen. Please visit our website to make a donation.

Thank you,  
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