

Little Folks News Sept. 2010

Did you know that Little Folks has a scholarship program? Here is an overview of the Scholarship Fund:

- The scholarship fund was established to enable a child to attend Little Folks who would otherwise be financially unable to come. Its purpose is to provide a safe, nurturing, stimulating and stable environment for the child while providing an opportunity for the caregiver to deal with a family crisis, attend school, job hunt or work, knowing that even if their home life is in chaos, that their child is safe and well-cared for.
 - The scholarship fund is for families who are already part of the program and encounter financial difficulties and for families in need that are referred to us by individuals and agencies.
 - Our goal is to make a significant, long-term positive difference in the quality of life for the individual child and the family as a whole.
 - The scholarship fund is supported by donations from private individuals and donations from the Presbyterian Women of Fourth Church. In past years, the Mission and Witness Committee has funded two slots per week to allow a caregiver to attend adult literacy classes. Each year the Big Folks of Fourth allocate 20% of their income to the scholarship fund.
 - Each recipient of a scholarship discusses their needs with the director and fills out an application form. The application is reviewed by the director and either the associate pastor or the chairperson of the Little Folks Board.
 - Each application is viewed individually for need. Parents are encouraged to pay as much per day as they are financially able. Scholarships can range from fully funded five days per week to 25% funded one day a week depending on the need of the family and the amount of money in the scholarship fund.
 - The scholarship aid continues until the family no longer needs our assistance or the child leaves the program. As the financial situation of the family changes, the amount of the scholarship is reviewed and adjusted accordingly.
- Our long-term goal is to be able to financially support, two scholarship children per day in each class for a total of ten children.

This fall it will cost \$16 a day for a child to attend Little Folks. This coming year I already know of four children who will need our help for full or part-time scholarships. This will cost the Scholarship Fund \$768 per month. We are very fortunate to have just received a grant of \$2,500 from the Fourth Presbyterian Endowment Fund. You can see that in order to continue helping these families for the entire school year, we will depend on continued donations throughout the year. As you plan your budgets this year, please think of the Little Folks Scholarship Fund. Your gift can change a life.

With grateful appreciation.

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