Nature's Way STEAM School
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Dear [Foundation Name] Trustees,

What if YOU could help open the door to an educational experience that a Vermont child might otherwise never have the opportunity to access?

What if YOUR support could give a child the opportunity to learn in an environment where their curiosity is encouraged, their individuality is honored, and their potential is recognized?

At Nature's Way STEAM School, we believe every child deserves that opportunity. And with YOUR partnership, we hope to make it possible for more Vermont families.

My name is Crystal Thompson-Pollard, and I am the Head of School at Nature's Way STEAM School, a newly established independent nonprofit school serving children in Kindergarten through third grade in South Burlington, Vermont. I am also the founder of Kid Logic Learning, an early childhood education program that has served Vermont children and families for more than 13 years.

I am reaching out because I believe your foundation could play a meaningful role in helping us build something lasting for Vermont's children.

A Vision Rooted in Honoring Children

Nature's Way STEAM School was created from a simple belief: **every child deserves to be seen, heard, valued, and honored for who they are.**

This philosophy began with Kid Logic Learning, where we have spent more than a decade creating environments that recognize children as capable, curious individuals with their own strengths, interests, and ways of learning.

Over the years, we have witnessed what happens when children feel connected, supported, and empowered. They develop confidence, build meaningful relationships, ask questions, take risks, and discover what they can do.

Nature’s Way was created to continue this educational journey beyond preschool.

Our independent K-3 school brings together nature-based exploration, hands-on STEAM experiences, emergent project-based learning, and intentional academic instruction. Children have opportunities to investigate the world around them while developing literacy, mathematics, critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and problem-solving skills.

We believe these experiences help build the foundation for lifelong learning.

Your support could help ensure these opportunities aren't limited to families who can afford independent education.

Your Partnership Can Open Doors

For many Vermont families, the cost of independent education presents a significant financial barrier.

Nature’s Way currently has a base tuition rate of $518 per week, along with a $500 annual registration fee to support classroom supplies and educational materials.

We recognize that this cost is beyond the reach of many families who may value and benefit from our educational approach.

That is why we are developing an income-based sliding-scale scholarship program.

Our proposed tuition structure includes:

- **Tier 1 — Low Income:** Families pay 15% of base tuition.
- **Tier 2 — Lower-Middle Income:** Families pay 45% of base tuition.
- **Tier 3 — Middle Income:** Families pay 75% of base tuition.
- **Tier 4 — Upper-Middle Income:** Families pay 95% of base tuition.

Through philanthropic support, we hope to establish a sustainable scholarship fund that helps bridge the difference between what families can afford and the cost of providing a high-quality independent education.

YOU could help make that difference.

YOUR generosity could help a family access an educational environment that honors their child's unique learning journey.

YOUR partnership could help provide the materials, resources, and hands-on experiences that bring science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics to life.

And YOUR investment could help us create a more accessible educational pathway for Vermont children, regardless of their family's financial circumstances.

Your Investment in Vermont's Future

Vermont is home to innovative thinkers, educators, entrepreneurs, and industries that depend on creativity, collaboration, and problem-solving.

We believe those abilities begin developing long before children enter the workforce. They begin when a young child asks why, experiments with an idea, discovers something new, or learns that making mistakes is part of finding a solution.

At Nature's Way, we want to nurture those experiences from the very beginning.

Through evidence-based literacy and mathematics instruction, integrated STEAM projects, outdoor exploration, and meaningful relationships, children are encouraged to develop the academic foundations and confidence they need to approach new challenges.

When YOU invest in Nature's Way, you are investing in the curiosity, creativity, and potential of Vermont's next generation.

Your support could help us introduce more children to educational experiences that inspire them to become lifelong learners, thoughtful community members, and future innovators.

Growing Opportunities Together

Although Nature's Way is in its first year of operation, our vision extends beyond our current classroom.

We are currently purchasing a new property that we hope will become the future home of Nature's Way STEAM School. This space offers opportunities for expanded outdoor exploration, hands-on investigation, and future programming, including after-school enrichment experiences for local families.

We also hope to strengthen partnerships with other early childhood education nonprofits, educational organizations, and community members throughout Vermont.

We recognize that no single school or organization can meet every child's needs. By working together, sharing resources, and building relationships, we believe we can create stronger educational pathways for children and families across our state.

YOUR partnership could help us take these next steps.

Whether through scholarship funding, educational resources, specialized STEAM materials, or opportunities for collaboration, your foundation can help shape what Nature's Way becomes for Vermont children.

An Invitation to Make a Difference

Imagine a child who loves exploring the outdoors, building structures, asking endless questions, or discovering how things work.

Imagine that child's family finding a school that recognizes those interests as strengths and builds meaningful learning experiences around them.

Now imagine that opportunity becoming accessible because **YOU chose to invest in it.**

That is the possibility we hope to create through Nature's Way STEAM School.

We would be grateful for the opportunity to meet with you, share more about our vision, and learn about your foundation's philanthropic priorities. We hope to explore how YOUR support and our shared commitment to children could help create lasting educational opportunities for Vermont families.

Your generosity can open doors. Your partnership can help create opportunity. Together, we can honor the unique journey of every child.

Thank you for considering the role you could play in the future of Nature's Way STEAM School and the children we hope to serve.

Warmly,

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