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To all of the Supporters and Friends of the Old Lyme Children's Learning Center,

As a non-profit organization, we have certainly felt the impact of COVID-19 at the Center these past few months. We recently reopened our doors on August 3rd, after temporarily closing due to the health crisis in our nation. Although we slowly gained some of our parents and families back, it was not without a huge financial strain on the Center. On October 2, 2020, we will have to again, temporarily close our doors for six months until we can regain some financial stability. In the meantime, we will be operating under Region 18's endorsement and will still run our School Age Program, after school only, as even those numbers remain low.

Our goal over the next six months while our Center remains closed, is to rebuild and create new programs that better align to what the childcare needs are in our area. We will also be seeking to hire a new director to help carry our new vision forward. As far as staffing, all of our staff were able to find other jobs with the exception of two, who will receive unemployment, until they are able to obtain jobs. We also are seeking a committee of dedicated current and former parents and community members to help begin a capital campaign for us so we can rebuild our finances to open in the Summer and Fall of 2021.

We reach out to you today with a plea to help us through these difficult times, so we can attempt to redesign the wonderful programs that Connie Pike started and made a reality for families in South-eastern Connecticut. The daycare industry as a whole has been impacted terribly through this ordeal and although we have a dedicated Board of Directors and our Assistant Director helping us, we are going to need more people to assist us in this endeavor.

If you are able to assist us on our financial campaign or to help us rebuild our programming, please let us know. Please also consider a contribution to our Special Fund that we hope will allow us to reopen so that we may continue to be an asset to our community's families. **Please visit our website if you can make a contribution to our Center. We have a donate button established that will allow you to make a donation immediately. We will certainly also accept donations via the mail and we are grateful for any consideration you may give to helping us get back on our feet.**

With your help, we will hopefully be able to reopen the OLCLC to our community as a fundamental part in the development of our children for many more years to come, even through the pandemic we are all facing. We thank you for your wonderful and on-going generosity, now more than ever, and for considering to be a part of our team to help us rebuild. If you are able to assist us in any way please reach out at 860-434-1728, ext. 1.

Sincerely,

Kristen St. Germain, President of the Board of Directors of Old Lyme Children's Learning Center

