

## 2006 ANNUAL REPORT FAMILY CHILD CARE INC.

The Board of Directors of Family Child Care Inc. would like to report to the membership some of the accomplishments and activities over the past year.

### MEMBERSHIP

- We had 241 paid members.
- FCCI continues memberships at the state and national level: MLFCCA (Minnesota Licensed Family Child Care Association) and NAFCC (National Association of Family Child Care)
- Membership cards were pink this year

### WORKSHOPS

- January 16: Taxes and Recordkeeping presented by Tom Copeland of Redleaf Press
- February 13: Early Literacy: Making the Most of Everyday Experiences in Family Child Care by Judy Lindman
- March 13: Cancelled due to severe weather
- April 10: Food Program Training by Dawn Danckwart of Provider's Choice
- May 8: Gardening, Butterflies, and Bugs! by Lori Hameister and Cat Thisius
- June 12: So... What is School Readiness by Vicki Cronin Ready 4 K
- July: no workshop
- August 14: Identifying Stress/Trauma in Children by Angie Jensen, Child Care Educator
- September 11: Olmsted County Licensing
- October 9: FCCI Provider Banquet, "Colorfully Speaking" by Jill Krieger-Swanson
- November 13: What the Providers Want the Parents to Know. What Parents Want the Providers to Know. by Aloha Davis
- December : no workshop

### BOARD

- 2006 Board:  
President: Jenny Schlotthauer (Jan-Sept), Kari Fairclough (Sept-present)  
Training Coordinator: Sue Conant  
Treasurer: Bonnie Moe  
Assistant Treasurer: Christine Jensen  
Secretary: RaeAnne Boldt  
Office Manager: Diane Thompson (Jan-Aug), Mary Hemenway (Aug-present)  
Purchasing: Cheri Hoeft  
Membership: Michelle East (Jan-Feb), Kari Fairclough (Feb-Sept), Jackie Harrington (Sept-present)  
Public Relations: Cheryl Riley  
Newsletter Editor: Marlie Ernst  
Web Site Designer: Cat Thisius  
Members-at-Large: Lori Hameister, Mary Hemenway (Jan-Aug), Mary Lombard, Ruth Grimm (Sept-present)  
Advisors: Erma Anderson (Jan.-June), Kari Fairclough (Jan-Feb), Jenny Schlotthauer (Oct-present)

### FUNDRAISERS

- Redleaf Press Book Sale (Calendar Keeper, Tax Workbook, etc.)
- Moonlighting Madness: Tables for second businesses' (April-Sept)
- Usborne Book Sale
- Tastefully Simple Gourmet Food Item Sale
- FCCI Lanyards- "Play, smile, dance, laugh, sing"
- FCCI polo short sleeve shirts and denim long sleeve shirts
- Heritage Makers
- Wendy's Community Nights
- Pampered Chef
- Home & Garden Party

### PARTNERSHIPS

- Continued the ACA (Adult's & Children's Alliance) Community Partner Program
- Continued a Political Advocacy partnership with Child Care Works and Ready 4 K
- FCCI Board Representative with MLFCCA

### GRANTS

- We did not receive any grants for 2006

## NEWSLETTERS

- Published 6 newsletters mailed to all FCCI members, all licensed providers in Olmsted County, and community partners
- Maintained an up-to-date mailing list

## WEBSITE

Incredible website [www.fccimn.com](http://www.fccimn.com) receives numerous hits from both providers and parents as an up-to-date resource for various child care related needs. You must be a member of FCCI to be listed in the provider directory and to advertise on the website.

## OUTREACH & ACTIVITIES

- Reviewed and updated the bylaws for FCCI
- Renewed the FCCI lease with the Rochester Senior Center
- Ran three classified ads throughout the year in the Rochester Post Bulletin to promote FCCI and direct people to child care providers via [www.fccimn.com](http://www.fccimn.com)
- Representatives from the Board attended the New Provider Orientation meetings held each month by Olmsted County Licensing introducing FCCI through a power point presentation. At each orientation, we distributed newsletters, brochures, and \$15 training coupons for newly licensed providers to attend a workshop.
- Participant in the CCR&R Family Fun Night. Proceeds benefit Crisis Nursery of Olmsted County
- Hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Valentino's in April
- Vendor at CCRR Keys Conference
- Volunteers prepare die-cuts for workshops and conferences
- Encourage volunteers to assist at workshops, conferences, and various committees
- Continue to stock Resource Room/Office with Dover books, die-cuts, construction paper, and current lending library resource materials
- Sent a representative to participate in a Rochester School District panel discussion regarding bridging the gap between early childhood and Kindergarten Readiness
- Sent a Representative to speak to the County Commissioners regarding union recruitment issues in Olmsted County
- Wrote a Position Statement in Regards to Child Care Unions
- Sponsored a Community Legislative Candidate Forum focusing on Child Care and Child Health Care issues
- Arranged site for a Rochester Area First Steps informational session on School Readiness
- FCCI Board Leadership Retreat for future planning and goal setting

## FINANCIAL

- Developed and followed a yearly budget

## PROVIDERS OF THE YEAR

- Nominated two providers as MLFCCA allows one per 300 providers in each County. Olmsted has over 500 licensed Child Care providers, therefore we are allowed to send two representatives to be honored at the MLFCCA banquet
- Submitted letter to Post Bulletin, during the month of February, announcing nomination period and contact information to nominate child care providers
- Announcements on all local radio stations, KTTC Community Calendar and flyers were in our newsletter to be distributed throughout the community
- Kari Fairclough and Christine Jensen were chosen as the two Providers of the Year for 2006
- Both were honored at the October FCCI Banquet; MLFCCA Banquet in Minneapolis; by Olmsted County Licensing; the County Board of Commissioners; KTTC; KAAL; the Post Bulletin Family section feature article; and Rochester Women's Magazine

## BANQUET AND WEEK OF THE FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDER

- Hosted the 'Week of the Family Child Care Provider' Banquet at the Rochester Senior Center October 9th
- The keynote speaker, Jill Krieger-Swanson, presented "Colorfully Speaking". This year's theme: Child Care Provider's Are Golden". Mayor Ardell Brede presented the Proclamation from the City of Rochester declaring it the 'Week of the Family Child Care Provider'. Pat Gannon from CCR&R also attended.
- All attendees received a door prize
- All local radio stations shared the 'Week' during public service announcements
- Rochester Women's Magazine acknowledged the 'Week' and Kari and Christine in the September/October issue