

## 2007 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 245 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 blue this year

### WORKSHOPS

- January 29: Taxes and Recordkeeping presented by Tom Copeland of Redleaf Press
- February 12: Beyond Isty Bitsy Spider – Music For Young Children presented by Vicki Barker
- March 12: Every Child Ready To Read presented by Jill Kobler, Rochester Public Library
- April 9: 100 Signs To Use With Hearing Children presented by Denise Meyer
- May 12: FCCI Provider Banquet, Fired Up or Burning Out? Presented by Gina Grove
- June 11: Germ Squirm presented by Sylvia Hoffman and Shelby Ellis, CCRR Food Program Staff
- July: no workshop
- August 13: Enhance Your Child Care With Technology presented by Cat Thisius and Lori Hameister
- September 10: SIDS and Shaken Baby Syndrome presented by Becky Hoot, OCPHD
- October 8: Women Owning A Small Business by presented Beth Mork, Roxy's Food and Crafts
- November 12: Liability Insurance presented by Chad Ward, Ademino & Associates
- December : no workshop

### 2007 BOARD

President: Kari Fairclough  
Training Coordinator: Gayleen Johnson  
Fundraising Coordinator: Sue Conant  
Treasurer: Christine Jensen (Jan – July), Kayla Abrahamson (August – present)  
Assistant Treasurer: Kayla Abrahamson (Jan – July), Ariane Bromberg (August – present)  
Secretary: RaeAnne Boldt  
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Membership: Jackie Harrington  
Public Relations: Cheryl Riley (Jan – May), Shan Stewart (June – present)  
Newsletter Editor: Lori Hameister  
Web Site Designer: Cat Thisius  
Members-at-Large: Pam Clemens, Ruth Grimm, Ariane Bromberg (Jan – July),

### FUNDRAISERS

- Redleaf Press Book Sale (Calendar Keeper, Tax Workbook, etc.)
- Garage Sale
- FCCI polo short sleeve shirts and denim long sleeve shirts
- T shirts (Play, learn grow)
- Wendy's Community Nights
- Current

### 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
- Sent a Representative to participate in the Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation Early Childhood Conference.
- Participant in the Olmsted County Fair Early Childhood promotional booth sponsored by First Steps
- Partnered with the Dodge County Licensed Family Child Care Association to nominate Judy Lindman for the 2007 MLFCCA Advocate of the Year award (she was selected)
- FCCI became a member of the Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce

### 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
- Increased advertising lowers our expenses

## GRANTS

- At the end of 2006 FCCI received a mini grant of \$1080.00 from First Steps to assist with funding materials for a 2007 membership resource bag and purchase die cuts to support literacy building activities
- Received \$315.00 from the Olmsted County Deputy Sheriff's Association for the May Banquet presenter

## WEBSITE

The 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

- Ran two 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)
- Offered the opportunity for members to order books through the Scholastic Book Club
- Membership resource bags were offered with 2007 FCCI memberships
- 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.
- Hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Valentino's in April
- Vendor at CCRR Keys Conference
- Volunteers prepare die-cuts and felt board activity kits to sell at 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
- Sponsored a Legislative Open House in April to address child care profession concerns
- Sponsored a postcard campaign requesting legislative support to reduce the licensing fees
- An October Membership Drive was hosted by Roxy's Food and Crafts with a \$5.00 discount for 2008 memberships purchased that evening
- FCCI Board Leadership Retreat was held in October for future planning and goal setting
- Beginning with the January 2008 workshop FCCI will relocate to Redeemer Lutheran Church as the Senior Center was unable to offer a new lease. Affordable office space was not located and the Board of Directors made decisions to eliminate office needs and utilize rental storage. The die cut equipment is donated to the Child Development Program at RCTC in honor of Judy Lindman and FCCI retains access for the die cut committee to utilize the now greatly increased inventory of equipment (a total of 5 machines and 400 dies)

## FINANCIAL

- Developed and followed a yearly budget
- Budget committee met quarterly to review budget income and expenses
- Membership dues increase to \$40.00 effective with the 2008 memberships

## 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 January, announcing nomination period and contact information to nominate child care providers
- Announcements on local radio stations, KTTC Community Calendar and flyers were in our newsletter to be distributed throughout the community
- Jackie Harrington and Carol Galde were chosen as the two Providers of the Year for 2007
- Both were honored at the May FCCI Banquet; MLFCCA Banquet; by Olmsted County Licensing; 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 on May 12th
- The keynote speaker, Gina Grove, presented "Fired Up or Burning Out?". The banquet had a Mexican Fiesta theme. 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 and Keith Lewis from Olmsted County licensing also attended.
- All attendees received a door prize
- Local radio stations shared the 'Week' during public service announcements
- Rochester Women's Magazine acknowledged the 'Week' and Jackie and Carol in the May/June issue