

The Christiana Foundation

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Christiana Marie Sullivan was born to a loving Waldorf family in Fair Oaks, California. She had a brief three months on earth. During her short life and in the experiences that followed after her death, the whole community felt the presence of a special being whose brief appearance in life was a gesture of beautiful love that transcends death.

Christiana's parents and many friends in the community were inspired to create the Christiana Foundation's mission. In her memory, the Christiana Foundation raises money to support the efforts of a wide array of anthroposophical initiatives around the world doing good work with meager funds. Donations have been given to Waldorf schools with ethnically diverse student bodies; biodynamic farms offering hands on experiences for students; youth empowerment programs promoting community service; a project promoting reconciliation between families in Israel and Palestine that have lost children in the fighting; Sophia House, which supports homeless families; the Early Life Center at Rudolf Steiner College and the Mother's Support Network, a program offering classes and support groups. Even though the grants are small, they are imbued with the special blessing inspired by Christiana.

The Christiana Foundation is currently looking for ways to raise funds directed at supporting the development of parent-child classes in Waldorf schools. We would like to provide scholarship funds for birth to three Waldorf workshops, courses or trainings. We are looking first to Waldorf-trained professionals working in this field and other supporters of early childhood education for donations.

You can help us understand if there is an interest in this project by giving us feedback to the following questions:

- Would you be willing to make a financial contribution directed to this project?
- Do you know of supporters of early childhood education who would be willing to support the project?

- Do you currently offer parent-child classes at your school, and, if so, are your teachers in need of further training?

We all know that childhood is under attack in the world and that the first three years of life shape the children's future lives in profound ways. Parent-child classes are counteracting these negative forces by supporting parents and promoting positive and protective parenting practices. The Christiana Foundation wishes to enhance the good work already being done in Waldorf schools in North America.

Please let us know what you think! Questions and donations can be addressed to:

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The Christiana Foundation is a recognized 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. Contributions are tax-deductible. Moreover, since all foundation related activities are performed by volunteers and there are minimal administrative costs, almost all funds are invested in the initiatives we support.

Urgent appeal for Loczy! New government regulations in Hungary have made the costs of operating the Emmi Pikler Institute prohibitive. Your help is needed now to keep the Institute open so that this important work is not lost. Call Elizabeth Stubbs at 781-863-5959 to see how you can help.