



The Grace Scholarship Program

The Scholarship Program has been a part of the Grace mission since its inception in 1961. As volunteer teachers were putting together the first class, they made house calls to all families who had requested financial assistance in order to create a sense of connection and community. If parents were unable to provide transportation, teachers picked up children and brought them school or parent volunteers provided transportation. This continued until the early 70's when the first GNNS bus was purchased. From the very first class of only 8 children, one third received scholarship assistance. Money was very tight in the early years and without the help of the church congregation, the nursery school would not have been able to operate. The church provided free space, utilities, insurance and maintenance services, as well as paper and office supplies. All of the monthly tuition money was used to pay the teacher's salaries and purchase classroom supplies.

Today, Grace Neighborhood Nursery School is an independent 501c3, non-profit school. Our Scholarship Program is now supported through the GNNS Silent Auction, local area business donations, and alumni, friends and family contributions. Our annual goal is to provide tuition assistance to up to 20% of our enrolled families.

Research has shown that high quality, early childhood education can make a positive difference in children's development and learning and effect outcomes throughout the life span. Children in high quality programs are more likely to be successful in school and less likely to exhibit behavioral, emotional, academic, or social problems that follow them into adulthood. We are thankful for the community members and Grace families who have supported our mission and value quality early childhood experiences for all children.

Please indicate your interest in our Scholarship Program on the Enrollment Application form or contact the school office at director@gracenns.com to have an application sent to you.

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