



Dear Supporter,

As you read this letter and the enclosed 2019 Let's Grow Kids impact report, we are all facing the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic. There's no doubt that this crisis is affecting all of us, our loved ones, and our families.

And yet, precisely because of your generosity, Let's Grow Kids is still here for our children and families, our early educators, and our communities right now.

In this report you'll read about all that you helped us accomplish in 2019. Your support has helped us see past the challenges, toward the opportunity of a bright future for all children, families, early educators, and Vermont communities.

This is the work that Let's Grow Kids has always been doing, and, thanks to you, we are able to continue.

During this crisis, and as always, we are working to support families, early educators, businesses, and advocates like you. Our recent COVID-19-related projects include:

- **Supporting and influencing state leadership** to secure funding during COVID-19 for our early educators and child care programs. This state support for child care providers is a perfect example of why child care is—and always has been—an essential service for families and for Vermont.
- **Assembling networks of emergency child care providers** for our essential workforce. Generous community members like you have pitched in to provide sanitation and health supplies—from toilet paper to hand soap to face masks—to help programs operate for our essential workers.
- **Providing expert trainings and one-on-one support** for early educators on everything from tax law changes to professional development.
- **Facilitating additional financial support for early educators**, such as no-interest loans in partnership with Vermont State Employees Credit Union and the Vermont Community Foundation.

You can find up-to-the-hour information and resources about our COVID-19 response at www.letsgrowkids.org/coronavirus.

Your support in 2019 has ensured that Let's Grow Kids is here for children and families, for early educators, and for our Vermont communities—no matter what. Thank you.

I hope you and yours are in good health and spirits.

With gratitude,

Aly Richards | CEO