



Portraits of the Stony Brook Child Care Assistance Fund - Summer 2016 -



Fall 2016 will mark our fourth year of helping families with their child care tuition needs. Through our fundraising efforts, we have been able to provide financial assistance for at least 20 families each year and we hope to continue to support this number of families next year. The financial help they receive enables these parents to pursue their graduate education by providing a safe and nurturing environment for their children during the day. The following examples are from two families in the Stony Brook University community who have benefited from the Stony Brook Child Care Assistance Fund.

My baby girl started coming to Stony Brook Child Center about two months ago. My husband and I are both classical musicians, I play the piano and he plays the violin. We are both Doctor of Musical Arts candidates at the music department at Stony Brook University. As performing musicians and young parents, we need many hours throughout the day to practice, rehearse, and teach. All of our work would simply be impossible to manage without Stony Brook Child Care. We are also extremely thankful that our daughter has such a wonderful time at SBCC learning and playing with her teachers and friends. It gives my husband and I great comfort to know that she's being taken care of by excellent people in a safe environment.

We feel incredibly lucky to have your generous support and help that allows us to have our daughter be part of the SBCC community. Thank you so much for making all of this possible.

Sincerely,
Name Withheld

One child, 3 years old recently moved to the United States to join his mother, who is pursuing a graduate degree in the sciences. For the past three years, the child has lived with his father in China. He was cared for by his grandmother while his father worked. Mom, in the United States, was limited to communicating with her child via Skype. The thought of the child moving to the US to live with Mom seemed impossible: Dad receives the equivalent of \$16,000 US dollars in yearly salary and Mom's graduate stipend was insufficient to pay for rent and child care.

Everything changed when the child's grandmother, and primary caregiver, received a diagnosis of breast cancer and had to begin chemotherapy treatments. In light of these recent events, the child has moved to the United States and is reunited with his mother. When Mom learned of the Child Care Assistance Fund and the possibility that should could afford child care while she finished her degree, she wept. She can now finish her studies with the knowledge that her child is being cared for in a great place.

These are examples of the purpose of the Fund and we hope to continue to provide this service to families within the Stony Brook University community for years to come. If you would like to contribute to the Stony Brook Child Care Assistance Fund, donations can be made via Paypal (using a credit card or Paypal account) at www.stonybrook.edu/childcare or via check. All donations to the Stony Brook Child Care Assistance Fund go directly toward underwriting the tuition for these families in the Stony Brook University community.

Sincerely,

Kathleen de Riesthal
Stony Brook Child Care Assistance Fund

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