



May 11, 2009

Dear Early Childhood Educators,

Every year thousands of children are enrolled in approximately 550 early childhood centers in Hillsborough County. These children, from infancy to five years of age, spend a significant portion of their young lives in the care of someone other than their parents or guardians. For several hours each day they interact with early childhood educators and caregivers whose primary duty is to nurture, love, and educate them. This is an awesome responsibility, in every sense of the word.

Hillsborough County is proud to recognize those leaders in this industry by recognizing the childcare center directors who are entrusted with establishing and continually enhancing an environment that supports their employees, their community, and most importantly, our children and their families.

Please help us honor them by becoming a sponsor of the successful annual Director of the Year Awards Luncheon. Your sponsorship shows your commitment to strengthening the level of professionalism in the field of early childcare and education. This event will be held at The Centre Club, located atop the InterContinental Hotel in Tampa on Friday, September 18, 2009.

Please review the enclosed flyer, which define the levels of sponsorships. We will be happy to answer any further questions you have about becoming a sponsor and all the benefits that you will receive. Please make checks payable to HECA and mail to: HECA Attn: DOY, P.O. Box 320205, Tampa, FL 33679. Feel free to contact me at (813) 763-9378 or at mwest21@tampabay.rr.com I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you for your support of early childhood professionals in Hillsborough County.

Sincerely,

Mary J. West
DOY Chairperson