“It really boils down to this: that all life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one destiny, affects all indirectly.” — Martin Luther King Jr.
Sunshine and warmth are often hard to find during Central New York Winters. But when you have the pleasure of sitting down for coffee and a chat with Jan Liddell, Child Care Solutions’ donor, it doesn’t matter what the weather outside is doing. Her caring and generous heart are all you need.

An active retiree, Jan commits her time and resources to many wonderful organization across CNY. Child Care Solutions has had the great fortune of benefitting from her generosity. People contribute to non-profits for many reasons but ultimately most donors find meaning in the missions. That is exactly what drew Jan to us. “As a mother of three and a grandmother of eight, I was always attracted to children’s causes. Child Care Solutions’ mission resonated with me. I love that you are a Central NY organization who’s primary focus is early childhood education and the healthy development of children in my community.” Jan was especially animated when we discussed the Child Care Solutions’ professional development program. “I believe it’s probably some of the most important work you do. Next to parents who are primary caregivers, child care providers are the most important influence in a child’s early years. They are charged with ensuring a healthy future for our community. The professional development program helps them fulfill this charge.”

The theory of “pay now or pay later” equally contributes to Jan’s support of Child Care Solutions. It’s like building a house. The foundation is the first thing you think about. If the foundation isn’t strong, you’re going to have problems. It’s the same with a child. If a child is cared for in a nurturing environment that enables learning, creativity, exploration, and JOY you are building a strong foundation that they can build on when they get to kindergarten. If they have a shaky foundation, their problems are going to be harder to fix.” That is why Jan sees her donation as an investment that will pay off down the road, for not only the children of Central NY but also the entire community.

In his January 20, 2015, State of the Union Address President Obama stated “In today’s economy, when having both parents in the workforce is an economic necessity for many families, we need affordable, high-quality child care more than ever. It’s not a nice-to-have; it’s a must-have. So it’s time we stop treating childcare as a side issue, or a women’s issue and treat it like the national economic priority that it is for all of us.” Jan echoed this sentiment when we asked about her hopes for the future. “We are all in this together. I would love to see our national, state and local governments, businesses and private donors play a bigger role in early childhood investments. The impact would be powerful. The research shows that it is one of the best investments we can make.”

Donors like Jan help Child Care Solutions fulfill our vision that “every child is cared for in a high-quality, safe and nurturing environment that cultivates healthy development, early learning, and joy.” Connections like hers push us forward and brings us closer to creating this reality.

Child Care Solutions is fortunate to have many individuals and organizations who believe in our mission and the good work we do.

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