



Serving children in the communities of Effingham, Freedom, Madison, and Ossipee

October 18, 2017

Town of Effingham
68 School Street
South Effingham, NH 03882

Dear Selectmen of Effingham,

The purpose of the Ossipee Children's Fund (OCF) is to subsidize low-income families in their pursuit of programming that provides childcare, enrichment, recreation, and education for their children. Assistance with childcare is a lifeline, enabling our single-parent households (46% of our families) to work.

In addition, OCF subsidizes enrichment experiences for children. Students from low-income families are significantly less likely to have access to enriching and educational activities. According to current research, these kinds of enrichment activities play an important role in children's successes both inside and outside the classroom.

During the 2016-2017 fiscal year, OCF supported children in Effingham with 27 awards which enabled them to access a variety of programming. The total funding for these awards exceeded \$11,500. This is a 45% increase in funding from the 2015-2016 fiscal year. For the upcoming fiscal year, the estimated funding that OCF will provide for Effingham children will be consistent with the amount awarded in fiscal year 2016-2017. Therefore, we are requesting \$2500 from the Town of Effingham to support programming for the most vulnerable members of your population.

As a 501(c)(3) nonprofit with only 3% overhead, we pride ourselves on our ability to pass on 97% of our funds to the direct support of children in childcare and enrichment programs. Your support is what makes this possible. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Kathryn O'Hearn, Secretary
Ossipee Children's Fund