



## Donation Request

### *Who We Are...*

Sweet Pea Cottage is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization serving over 300 children annually at three different campuses located in Queen Anne, Sand Point, and West Seattle. Our mission is to enrich, inspire, challenge, and expand every child's world through an arts-based education. Our philosophy and foundational teachings are based on the belief that the arts are an integral component to a child's whole development.

Sweet Pea Cottage programming exposes children to a multilingual, cross-cultural curriculum that fosters physical, mental, emotional and social development while celebrating the creative process of self expression and discovery. A wide variety of arts-rich experiences are offered to our students each week through music, art, dance, theater, yoga, foreign language, sports, cooking, and more. Classes are taught by highly qualified teachers and teaching artists, who stimulate the imagination, engage the intellect, strengthen physical abilities, and enhance curiosity. We believe that by supporting children's intuitive nature for creative play and exploration, we encourage a healthy relationship with the imagination while preparing children with the social and scholastic skills needed for kindergarten and beyond.

### *Why Donate...*

As with many non-profit schools, there is a gap between the cost of tuition and the true cost of providing high-quality early care and education for our students. With tuition only covering 91% of our annual operating expenses, this leaves a remaining \$117K needed to help us bridge the gap and continue funding experiences that are at the heart of our arts-rich curriculum. Our fundraising efforts support the retention of talented teachers and teaching artists, the field trip program that exposes children to the culture of our city, the guest artist program that introduces children to specialized arts, and our multicultural food program that provides insight into the lives of children and their families all over the world through a variety of food experiences. We are also working to expand our programming to underserved children in the greater Seattle area through our Christy Duffy Memorial Scholarship Fund. When you give to Sweet Pea Cottage, you invest in an artist, a scholar, an innovator, a mathematician, a writer, a problem-solver, a global citizen, and a keeper of the earth.

### *How We Acknowledge Donations...*

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