For over thirty years, BlueSkies for Children has provided high quality early childhood education for local families. Claire Bainer and Liisa Hale have led the organization through its development, with a focus on incorporating evidence-based education practices and contributing to the development of the Early Childhood Education field. Throughout their tenure, they have maintained a school community with socioeconomic diversity while building a financially self-sustaining organization. Over the next few years, as Claire and Liisa transition to retirement, they are grooming leaders to take on many of the day-to-day operations of the school. Throughout the transition and beyond, BlueSkies remains committed to maintaining the best care and education for current students while also ensuring the organization is centered on its mission. We are grateful to Liisa, Claire, and the entire leadership team for their dedication to our children, present and future.

- Murali Naidu, Board President
Every day, our children impress us with their problem-solving capabilities, acts of kindness, and ability to resolve conflicts large and small. We are happy to keep over 100 active children from ages 6 weeks to 5 years fueled with a good mix of engaging play, healthy food, and quiet rest. Below are just some of the exciting stats tallied up in 2016.

- **64,000** Times the front gate swung
- **64,000** Diapers changed
- **332 miles** Distance children have traveled looping the front ramp (equivalent to running all the way to LA!)
- **1,530** Lbs of pear eaten
- **289 miles** Scooted* (does not include scooting as seen in Baby House)
- **41,000** Diapers changed (does not include training pants washed)
- **80,325** Spontaneous hugs exchanged in kindness, friendship, comfort, happiness, delight, joy, and empathy
- **255** Teachers employed at BlueSkies (interestingly equivalent to total clocked by parents)
- **106** children towards becoming their best selves through complex play
- **58** Teachers guiding
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We are so proud that BlueSkies parents value our educational philosophy and our incredible staff as much as we do. Below are just a few parent quotes received during our annual survey. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our families and staff for making BlueSkies the terrific community it is today.

BlueSkies is so well set up, physically and philosophically...our baby is excited and loves the teachers.

Teachers know our son well, he loves them and the other kids, and he is thriving.

It’s obvious that the teachers understand child development and how to work with young children.

Developmental checklists are so incredible, and tell us that our child is known completely.

I very much wanted to repay the scholarship that helped us enroll initially at BlueSkies. Now we have the funds to share, and hope they will help another family have the chance to experience such a magical place for children.

Thank you to our generous donors and our parents who volunteered 1,459 hours of their own time! You make all of this possible!