

# 2023-2024 Annual Report

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Much Gratitude to our long standing  
board members for completing  
terms:

Shannon Schamel 9 years  
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## Committee Members

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Greek philosopher, Heraclitus said, "The only constant in life is change." Childhood is the most fascinating period of great growth and change. It is during these early years we can help build resilience with lasting benefits, this is why early care and learning are a huge passion for me.

I'm very proud of the organization's growth and confident in the leadership team as I step away from My Place to focus on our growing family. Thank you for letting me be part of your precious parenting journey. I am forever grateful for our My Place family.



Stay Playful, Keep Learning!  
Kristine Brownell

**WELCOME NANCY HUMMEL  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

My name is Nancy Hummel, mom to Harrison and Nora, and thrilled to be joining the team here at the daycare and after-school programs. I bring with me 15 years of experience as a child and adolescent therapist, where I have had the privilege of supporting children in their growth and development.

I am excited to work alongside both the wonderful staff at the school and at the center to create safe, nurturing, and welcoming environments for all the children. My goal is to ensure that each child has a space where they feel comfortable and engaged in activities that are not only enriching but also full of fun and play.

I believe in the power of collaboration and communication. I am here to work with the community to ensure that every child has the best possible experience in our care. By providing reliable childcare, families are able to work in our community and make choices for their own careers. We also provide employment for many young professionals, developing their skills as childcare workers and teachers. I look forward to the opportunities we strive to provide in 2025!





# A Note from The Fund Development Committee Chair

Staff is our biggest asset and must be our largest investment.

We employ and provide continued professional development for over 2 dozen staff in Watkins Glen.

Currently Providing Care for 100 children.

More than 1 in 4 families are able to use Childcare Assistance Program to greatly reduce the out of pocket costs of working families for childcare.

## Invested in Community Inclusion

Proudly part of a Downtown Revitalization Initiative Project  
Host of Summer Youth Employment  
Arc of Chemung and Schuyler volunteer site  
Providing Learning Experiences for WorkForce NY and GST BOCES

As we begin another calendar year, we have much to celebrate with our community!

We continue to ensure that the youngest in our community, ages 6 months to 12 years, have the opportunity to thrive. Over the last year, we have provided over 100 children with reliable childcare, school readiness programs, and afterschool and summer care—both at the center on Second Street in Watkins Glen and at the Watkins Glen Elementary School. This year, our community partnerships are a priority for our programming, and we have cherished visits from our local libraries, fire departments, police departments, and senior housing. We hope to expand these collaborations and invite your organization to partner with My Place to strengthen community ties.

In November, our Fund Development Committee launched our annual fundraising initiatives with #FLXGives. We are incredibly grateful to the community members and businesses who contributed! We have currently reached 40% of our annual fundraising goal, but we still have a long way to go to reach our goal of \$50,000 by September 2025.

Your generous support can help us continue to provide a model of care that fosters family and community partnerships and promotes quality childhood learning through play. Whether through monetary donations, in-kind contributions, or sponsorship opportunities, your involvement is invaluable to our mission.

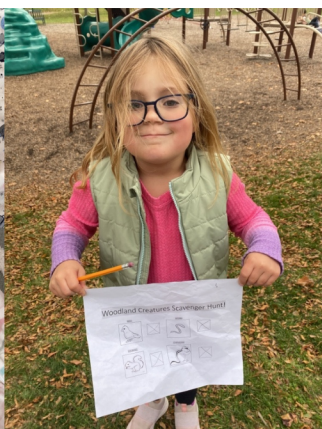
We would love the opportunity to discuss how we can collaborate and recognize your generosity in meaningful ways.

Thank you for your time and investment in early childhood! Together, we can make a lasting difference.

Michelle Gardner



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# 2023 - 2024 Fund Development Goals

## FUNDRAISING GOAL: \$50,000!

### FLX GIVES: KICK OFF OF FUN-RAISING SEASON

Over the past five years, we have been fortunate to engage with the remarkable initiative offered by the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes. This year, we are profoundly grateful to announce that we surpassed our expectations by raising an impressive \$14,023 within just 24 hours of giving. Thanks to the generosity of 167 donors, we received a total of 210 gifts, which has helped us achieve 28% of our annual fundraising goal of \$50,000. We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed, as your support is vital to our mission.



### MONTH OF THE CHILD FUNDRAISER

We proudly established the tradition of celebrating the Month of the Child in Schuyler County on June 1, 2021, with a festive ribbon-cutting ceremony of our new center on Second Street in Watkins Glen, NY. Each year, we have expanded this initiative with engaging events that emphasize the critical importance of quality early care and learning opportunities for the growth and development of our communities.

We invite you to join us on our journey through social media, where you will discover valuable parenting insights, delightful family activities, and ways to support My Place. Your contributions are crucial to our fundraising efforts, allowing us to continue nurturing the most precious asset of our community: the children of Schuyler County. Together, we can make a meaningful impact.



Please Reach Out to our staff or board members if you would like to partner with us!



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