

# *Kaleidoscope Preschool & Child Care Center*

*Kaleidoscope's mission is to provide safe, affordable, high-quality, consistent preschool and childcare services for the families of Orcas Island.*

In 1991, Kaleidoscope evolved from a grassroots effort in the Orcas Island community to meet a critical need for child care. Our mission has remained consistent. Kaleidoscope is a state-licensed, non-profit preschool and childcare facility providing services to families with children, birth to age 12. We are open Monday-Friday, 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM, year-round.

Many of our Kaleidoscope children come from working families. Without consistent, full working day, preschool and childcare services, many families would not be able to continue or maintain their Orcas residence and our entire community and commerce would be affected. Kaleidoscope is unique, being the **only** local organization that provides these critical and essential services to families and our rural community.

## **Kaleidoscope's Continued Need to Support and Grow**

Kaleidoscope knows how to make every dollar count! Our goal to provide high quality early childhood experiences, emphasizing the importance of creative play and social emotional development in a nurturing environment, costs approximately \$9 per hour per child (2011). Our current tuition rates recoup approximately 50% of this cost. The tuition shortfall increases dramatically for families on state assistance. These economic factors are beyond our control, creating an inevitable variability that impacts Kaleidoscope's operating budget. This results in a critical need for continuous donor support to keep Kaleidoscope's doors open.

## **How you can help...**

The success of our Orcas community is directly linked to the longevity of Kaleidoscope. By contributing to Kaleidoscope through a legacy-style/planned gift you will ensure the continuation of our island ways and the lifestyle we have all grown accustomed to. Please consider Kaleidoscope Preschool & Child Care Center in your Estate Planning.



*“Kaleidoscope keeps families working,  
in so many ways”*