



The **One Child Scholarship Fund** provides children living below poverty the opportunity to arrive at public school with the skills, learning attitudes and behaviors that lead to K-12 and lifelong success. Brain research reveals that uninterrupted high quality learning experiences are critical to healthy brain development, particularly for children who live in poverty and high stress environments. Attempts to influence these skills after public school entry are costly and not nearly as effective as when the brain is forming the foundation upon which all other learning happens.

Quality early care and education services continue to be unavailable to many of our area's youngest and neediest children. Time and time again, research has proven that having quality early childhood education saves society money and elevates human capital. Continuity of Care (COC), the uninterrupted learning experiences upon which healthy brain development, trust, and positive adult/child interaction and instruction is formed, is a primary ECM feature required to impact the high-stressed child's learning outcomes. ECM's quality early learning and development education and supports are bolstered by best practice instruction that includes a special emphasis on literacy, language and social-emotional development, teacher/child interactions, creative and intentional play...attributes particularly important to the school readiness of children.

Educare proven results. Results from a longitudinal study of Educare sites around the country indicate that earlier is better. Children living in poverty that enter Educare programs at age 1 do not experience an achievement gap upon kindergarten entry and are on par with children from other socio-economic groups. Locally, Educare Central Maine has significant impact on the learning outcomes. Child assessments in the vocabulary, phonological awareness and alphabet knowledge reveal: ECM's Peabody Picture Vocabulary Test scores are consistently 15-17 points ahead of the national 100 score average. Scores in teacher quality and parents engagement also exceed the national Educare aggregate scores. ECM ranks in the top tier of rating scales in emotional support for children and classroom organization and the highest level of quality under the Maine Roads to Quality Rating Scale

How one child works: The **One Child Scholarship Fund** will provide uninterrupted early care and education services until kindergarten entry. By connecting one or more donors' charitable investment to a high risk infant attending ECM, the scholarship will support his/her educational progress until successful entry into kindergarten. Each year scholarship donors will receive their students' progress reports based upon ECM's rigorous independent evaluation and assessment. Reports will maintain the confidentiality of each student, but allow donors to understand the value and tangible success and outcomes of their investment over the five-year period.

Help break the Cycle of Poverty ... donate now. To download the **One Child Scholarship Fund** and to learn about the various investment levels, please go to <http://www.educarecentralmaine.org> or contact Erin Merrill at: erinm@kvcap.org or 207-859-1678.



The **ONE CHILD SCHOLARSHIP FUND** will provide sustained and uninterrupted quality early education for the area's most impoverished children annually over a five-year period starting as infants.

The annual cost-per-child includes comprehensive, full-day, year-round educational and support services for the child/ren, and their primary caregivers to include mental, oral, and physical health screenings/supports; health and nutritional education; general parent education; and, educational and workforce supports and planning.

PLAN	ANNUAL INVESTMENT	YEARS OF INVESTMENT	ONE CHILD SCHOLARSHIP TOTAL
A	\$10,000	5	\$50,000
B	\$5,000	5	\$25,000
C	\$2,500	5	\$12,500
D	\$1,000	5	\$5,000

Scholarship Plan

I/We agree to invest \$_____ annually over _____ years, for a total of \$_____ to support ONE CHILD's full-day, full-year services at Educare Central Maine.

Payment Options

One-time payment of \$_____

Multi-year payments (Invoices will be mailed approximately 30 days prior to annual start date):

- Year 1 – 20__ \$_____
- Year 2 – 20__ \$_____
- Year 3 – 20__ \$_____
- Year 4 – 20__ \$_____
- Year 5 – 20__ \$_____

Check

Credit Card:

Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____ (xx/xxxx)

CSV: _____

Signature(s): _____

*Invoices will be mailed approximately 30 days prior to annual start date

Donor(s) Name: _____

Address: _____

Town/City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Company (if corporate/Foundation gift): _____

I/We wish to be listed as: _____

Anonymous

This contribution is made in honor of: _____

I/We agree to support Educare Central Maine's ONE CHILD campaign as stated in the terms above. Tax-deductible Payment Type: (EIN #: 26-4176872)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (Printed): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Name (Printed): _____

Please send this completed form and payment to:

Educare Central Maine
c/o Erin Merrill
56 Drummond Avenue
Waterville, ME 04901

Questions may be directed to Erin Merrill: 207-859-1678 or erinm@kvcap.org

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INVESTMENT IN OUR CHILDREN AND ECONOMY!