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Dear Friends,

Thank you for making 2017 another wonderful year at Parenting A Place! Thanks to your support we have been able to provide services to 7023 families this year:

For highly-stressed parents of 2,000 families this year. As Lynne

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- We expanded our program offerings to include Language of Play Newborn

for families who are expecting or just recently postpartum. And at the other end of the spectrum, we continue

to have strong interest in our Joy of Gardening program.

- We now have an online resource website, based on our Resource Poster, to better

reach families wherever they are.

- We received funding to finish an update of our hallmark evidence-based

Manual Parenting A Place. The update will include state of the art information on

parenting education and child development, and is a critical part in ensuring our substantiability.

Our traditional programming of group-based programs for incredible INFAIDS, Wonderful ONEs, and Terrific TWOs is still

strong! Our incredible INFAIDS programs select monthly.

There are so many reasons to celebrate our success and longevity! This year, Parenting A Place will mark its 40th year

in supporting families. I look forward to celebrating these successes with you in the months and years to come.

Best,

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