February 6, 2003

RECEIVED
D.C. BOARD OF ZONING
2003 MAY -6 AM 7:13

Geoffrey Griffis
Chairman
D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment
441 4th Street, N.W.,
Second Floor
Washington, DC 20001

Re: BZA Application No. 16970 - The National Child Research Center - Friends of NCRC - Letter of Support

Dear Members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment:

I am a member of the Friends of NCRC and I am writing this letter to evidence my total and unequivocal support for NCRC's application to the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment, BZA Application No. 16970. I have lived at 3320 36th St. NW for the past three years and have always found NCRC a good and considerate neighbor.

Moreover, as the neighborhood is increasingly home to families with young children, the school provides special value in providing superior educational opportunity right here at home. I have found the caring the staff evince for the children in their care to define their thoughtful and considerate pursuit of approval for a modest expansion. Emotions have run strongly among those opposing the proposal, most of whom I find to be operating from a closed and insular view of the community rather than one that is dynamic and vital. They have valid concerns but I see NCRC as responding to these in considerate fashion, clearly not wanting to be a source of division or discord in the community. I value all parties as my neighbors, but in this situation I have found those opposing the measure to be acting in a more hysterical than a neighborly or reasonable fashion.

I want the members of the Board of Zoning Adjustment to be aware that there are many members of the community, like myself, that fully support NCRC and its application. For all of these reasons, I ask that the BZA approve Application No. 16970.

Sincerely,

Eric & Stacy Zook
3320 36th St. NW
Washington, DC 20016

BZA
Case No. 16970
Exhibit No. 167

Board of Zoning Adjustment
District of Columbia
CASE NO.16970
EXHIBIT NO.167