Nurtury is formerly known as Associated Early Care and Education.
Dear Friends,

The past twelve months have been some of the most exciting in Nurtury’s 138-year history. In April, we announced our new name, logo, and renewed approach to early education by incorporating the whole child, whole family, and whole community into our strategy. In June, we officially opened the Nurtury Learning Lab, a $17.1 million project that integrates a state-of-the-art facility and programming. Our very first gala, Night for Nurtury, held in October, brought in over $230,000, where we celebrated our accomplishments with long-time supporters and new friends.

With your personal and financial support, we have been able to accomplish a lot in fiscal year 2014. Since the Learning Lab launched early this summer, the Family Engagement program has been very successful. Parents and their children in our program and in nearby public housing developments have come together for fun family events, like trips to the Boston Children’s Museum; educational workshops and classes, like our financial literacy course that we hosted with our partner Urban Edge; and even for informal child care arrangements outside of our regular hours. Nurtury’s parents are building resilient and resourceful social networks and developing a strong sense of agency to better provide for their children and themselves.

The Family Engagement program is just one of many initiatives at Nurtury: In February, we brought parents, teachers, and staff to the State House for the annual Advocacy Day for Early Education and Care and School-Age Programs. We held a large-scale Professional Development Day in June to provide trainings and resources to all our educators, 75% of whom are working toward earning new teaching credentials. This winter, thanks to several generous donors stepping forward, we are happy to say that every Nurtury child will be bringing home an age-appropriate book as part of our focus on the family and literacy.

However, our work is far from over. We have paved the way for a successful 2015, but we need your help – your financial investment and your voice – to carry us across the finish line.

What you can do:

- **We need your financial contributions** to strengthen our programs and share successful ideas with all our facilities and family child care homes. Help us to grow the partnership model we launched at the Learning Lab; our parents are eager for more financial literacy courses, more parent nurturing workshops with Families First, and more educational field trips for the whole family.

- **We need your voice.** A coalition of early education and out-of-school-time advocates recently forged an agreement to request funds for workforce development and quality improvement during the upcoming legislative year. Please keep an eye out for calls to action from us in the upcoming year: we’ll need you to contact your local representatives, tweet, or write letters – whatever you are most comfortable doing on behalf of our children and families.

As President Obama said at the White House Summit on Early Education this December: “We have to invest in our communities. We have to invest in us.” Whether you invest your time, money, or your heart – we need you marching alongside us.

Sincerely,

Wayne Ysaguirre
President and CEO

Photo credit: Mim Adkins
March 2014 | Senator Warren Visits

Senator Warren was the keynote speaker at our Breakfast Speaker Series event and afterward toured one of our center-based programs in Roxbury. The Senator has been a long-time champion for early education, prompted by her personal experience. When Senator Warren was a young working mother, her family depended on high quality child care.

April 2014 | New Name + Logo

This spring, Associated Early Care and Education became Nurtury. Our new name and logo embodies an evolving strategy of nurturing not only the child, but the family and community as well. When a child’s needs are met and well-being is fostered, their community is strengthened.

Nurtury is working toward engaging families in their young child’s education, focusing on supporting parents as they advocate for their children and families, and helping parents develop the skills and knowledge necessary to be effective advocates. Our external partnerships with individuals and institutions in our children’s communities are strengthening by the day.

June 2014 | Learning Lab Opens

On a beautiful, sunny morning on June 16, the Nurtury Learning Lab officially opened with a stellar ribbon-cutting event. We were joined by Mayor Marty Walsh, Bill McGonagle of the Boston Housing Authority, Massachusetts Secretary of Education Matt Malone, Representative Jeffrey Sanchez, and two Bromley-Heath residents: NaShira Pulley and Latoya Taromino. There was also a great performance by one of the Learning Lab’s preschool classrooms, who sang “You Are My Sunshine.”

More Achievements

- 75% of Nurtury’s educators are working toward earning new teaching credentials.

- Nurtury’s Family Child Care Enterprise Services Department celebrates its 1 year anniversary.

- In its inaugural year, the Latino Legacy Fund awarded a generous grant to Nurtury that will support our network of 130 Family Child Care providers; 100% of whom are Latino.
Financial Operations
September 1, 2013 - August 31, 2014

Revenue
- Program Service Fees: 84% of $17,393,312
- Contributions, Grants: 11% of $1,854,286
- Inkind Revenue: 2% of $353,750
- Other Income: 3% of $598,959
- Total: 100% of $17,393,312

Expenses
- Program Expenses: 86% of $17,337,812
- General & Admin.: 12% of $2,040,337
- Fundraising: 2% of $378,130
- Total: 100% of $17,337,812
Thank you.

The following people gave generously to Nurtury between September 1, 2013 - August 31, 2014.

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**Quote**

“The Nurtury Learning Lab at Bromley-Heath is a great example of a service that will greatly impact children’s lives and start them on a path for success.”

Mayor Marty Walsh at the June 2014 ribbon-cutting event.
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Arlene, mother of a young son at Nurtury, at the opening of the new Learning Lab.
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Highlights

August 2014: The first class of preschoolers graduated from the newly-opened Learning Lab.

September 2013: Parents joined the fun at a Summer Fiesta at our South End center.

April 2014: President Wayne Ysaguirre visits the Learning Lab construction site with a class of preschoolers prior to opening.
Nurtury gives Greater Boston’s youngest children in need, from birth to age five, the opportunity to reach their full potential by investing in school readiness, promoting healthy development, and strengthening families.

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