

JOYFUL NOISE NOTES

Why I give to Joyful Noise:

As any parent knows, choosing someone or someplace to care for your child is a nerve-wracking decision. Especially when you are in denial that your only child is old enough to go to preschool.

When my Rosie was 2.9 years old (age eligible, potty-trained and surely ready despite my reluctance), I knew it was time to think about preschool options.

In a world filled with so much pain, pressure, and competition, my only requirement was that she learned to treat everyone with respect and kindness.

When my vision for her became clear, the only choice was even more obvious: Joyful Noise Preschool, a **ministry of First Church, UCC.**

The past two years, I've seen my daughter blossom into a child who shows great empathy, kindness, and consideration. She is learning to be an "includer" among friends and immediately points out injustices.

While my husband and I would love to claim our sometimes-stellar parenting, we know it is because Rosie is learning with love from Miss Terri and Miss Annemarie at Joyful Noise. We also know it is because she has found a second home at First Church (her favorite place because she gets to go to "regular school AND church school!")

I'm filled with pride that Rosie will be a second-generation graduate of Joyful Noise Preschool: my husband David and my sister-in-law Danielle also attended.

And I'm sure if we polled everyone in First Church, we'd find similar connections. If Joyful Noise was a part of your family's history, is currently part of your day-to-day routine or you believe in learning with love and want to see more families call First Church a place of lasting memories (and potentially a church home) then I encourage you to give what you can to this amazing school. Each dollar counts and no amount is too small.

HOW TO GIVE:

We've set-up an online fundraiser to make it easy to give. **Your financial support means:**

- We're able to continually improve our classroom environment
- Enhance the quality of our (already stellar!) programming
- Build a long-standing scholarship program

These are all changes needed to attract and retain families in our school. We are almost halfway to our initial goal and encourage you to spread the word among friends who might want to celebrate Joyful Noise turning 30 years old. Visit YouCaring.org/JoyfulNoise to learn more about how Joyful Noise is growing a new generation of leaders with respect, kindness, and love. Thank you for taking the time to hear our story and for considering Joyful Noise as part of your charitable giving.

~ Jennifer Spurling