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Dear Parents, Alumni, and Friends of the Day Nursery:

The St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery – *an intrinsic thread woven into the fabric of this community* - celebrates a rich and proud history of service to children and their families. The Day Nursery, organized in 1910 under the corporation of the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola, began a new chapter in 1915 through the generosity of Nicholas Frederic Brady. The Day Nursery offered peace of mind to mothers struggling to secure employment and care for their children in what was the "poor tenement community of Yorkville." Their struggle has been our reward.

Today, St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery, a Catholic preschool, proudly stands steadfast to its mission and unwavering commitment to excellence. Our program continues to offer a quality daycare service and a comprehensive educational program. We embrace our children with a foundation rooted in faith, love, and knowledge in a secure and spacious "home away from home" environment. The Financial Assistance Program, an integral component to our mission, is offered to families who could not otherwise afford this kind of care and education. Sustaining this high standard of care and education requires dedication and an ongoing commitment from all of us.

As an independent nursery, tuition and fees do not cover the full cost of caring for every child. To sustain our program, we need to raise additional funds beyond our fund raising efforts to bridge the gap between tuition income and the actual cost of a preschool education. Every child in our program benefits from a contribution made through annual giving. With your help, we will close this gap, sustain our program, and strengthen the future of this wonderful Nursery. Your thoughtful gift to the Annual Fund will be deeply appreciated.

The Day Nursery continues to be blessed with a faithful and generous community of families and friends. As we are approaching our Centennial Celebration, we pause and give thanks for the many blessings we have received; we look forward to providing the same quality care and education to the next generation of children. Thank you. May God bless you and your loved ones with His peace, joy, and love this holiday season.

We have been blessed with a rich heritage.
We are privileged to be a part of this community.
It is our collective responsibility to preserve what has been given us.

With sincere appreciation,

Theodora L. Crist
Executive Director

Catherine M. Skurka
Director of Development

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Kindly complete and mail the bottom portion of this letter to, St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery, 240 East 84 Street, New York, NY 10028. You may contact the Office of Development by telephone 212.734.0372 or email cmskurka-stildn@verizon.net. All contributors to the Annual Fund will be listed on our Honor Roll of Donors. Gifts to St. Ignatius Loyola Day Nursery, a 501c(3) agency, are tax deductible to the full extent of the law. Thank you very much for your gift!
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