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Dear Children's House Parents,

It is with great pleasure that I announce to you that our search for a new administrator has been successful.

Our goal was to find someone with a Montessori background and successful experience in management of Montessori schools. We have found such a candidate in Sherri Holzman.

Mrs. Holzman is originally from Queens New York, and is currently living in Coral Springs Florida. Her husband is an artist and has a piece hanging in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Mrs. Holzman has a B.S. in Management and Leadership and a Masters in Business Administration and began her career in NYC. While living in Woodstock, N.Y. Mrs. Holzman enrolled her son in a Montessori School and the rest is history.

Mrs. Holzman was trained through St. Nikolas Montessori International Training Program of Ireland. She worked at the Woodstock Children's Center Montessori School for ten years teaching primary, lower elementary and upper elementary classes.

Mrs. Holzman moved to Marco Island where she opened the Marco Island Children's Center. Her school offered Montessori programs from Infant/Toddler through Elementary. When the economy took a down turn she sold her school, and moved to the east coast of mainland Florida where she assumed a teaching position. During her two years at the Blake School Mrs. Holzman taught in the primary and upper elementary classrooms. She then took a position as Head of The Randazzo School (Montessori/non-traditional) in Coconut Creek. During her tenure there the school grew from 90 to 250 students and the program expanded to 2 campuses with Infant/Toddler through grade 12, including an at risk program for middle and high school students. After 18 years at Randazzo, Mrs. Holzman then became Head of School for the Carolyn Barron Montessori School near Atlanta. During her year there she enabled them to meet accreditation requirements to become an AMI affiliated school, which is most commendable

While accomplishing all of this, Mrs. Holzman also worked with Everglades Youth Conservation Camp, Sea Ranch Lakes and Project Wild, Project Aquatic, Project Learning Tree, through the auspices of Florida Game and Fresh Water Commission as a workshop facilitator, teacher and curriculum writer.

Mrs. Holzman has been seeking a school where she can share her expertise and skills enhancing the Montessori experience for children, parents and staff. As I had expressed in my last letter to you, I want our school to benefit from new energy, new insight and new ideas. Having someone with Sherri Holzman's strong background assume the leadership of our school is an incredible opportunity for us.

Although the official date of my retirement is June 30, Mrs. Holzman and I will be working together as we make this transition. I am looking forward to introducing her to our Children's House Community.

Sincerely,

Dora L. Mallett, Administrator

Craig Parrillo, Chairman  
The Board of Children's House Montessori School