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Close to Home: The Day Nursery

Premiere of documentary tells the story of 105 years of leadership and service in Oak Park, IL

Oak Park, IL: The Day Nursery is excited to announce the premiere of a new documentary short, *Close to Home: The Day Nursery*, which tells the story of the visionary founders of The Day Nursery by filmmaker Molly Arenberg. Told through the lens of families impacted by the exceptional early childhood education program, the film is a visual reflection of the organizational mission and rich history of The Day Nursery, its impact on the community, and the importance of early childhood education to our collective future.

Supported by Presenting Sponsor, Northern Trust, a grant from The Nineteenth Century Club and a host committee made up of past board presidents, the film debuts on Thursday, January 18, 2018 at The Nineteenth Century Club, 178 Forest Ave., Oak Park, IL. The evening begins at 7:00 p.m. with cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, followed by the film debut. Ms. Susan Murphy of Chicago will be honored with the prestigious Elizabeth Charlton Legacy Award for 30 years of dedication to The Day Nursery and her work specifically as archivist/historian in 2017. The program will conclude with a brief panel discussion on the continued importance of quality early childhood education in our community.

The event is free to all attendees, but rsvps would be appreciated at cchristoff@thedaynursery.org or by calling 708-383-8211. For more information, please contact Cari Christoff, Executive Director.

About The Day Nursery: The Day Nursery is an early childhood education center located in Oak Park, IL. Since its founding in 1912, The Day Nursery has been a leader in early childhood education. It is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), holds the Gold Circle of Excellence from ExceleRate Illinois, and is a partner agency of United Way of Metropolitan Chicago. The Day Nursery's mission is to provide exceptional early childhood education that welcomes all children, enhances individual strengths, and fosters the academic, social-emotional and physical development that leads to school readiness.

About Molly Arenberg: Ms. Arenberg is a full-time cinematographer/editor, voiceover talent, and actor based in Milwaukee, WI. She has a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and a master's degree from University of Oxford in England. She founded Cape Creative production company to amplify the campaigns of brands and candidates, dig into lesser known stories and issues, and deliver top quality videos at affordable prices. Molly acquired her passion for story-telling through her work with spinal cord injured veterans, advocating against campus sexual assault, and portraying the achievements and dreams of high school athletes.

About Northern Trust: Northern Trust corporation is a financial services company headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. They provide creative solutions to complex investment and financial management needs through a network of 85 offices.

About The Nineteenth Century Club: Another organization in Oak Park, IL with a rich history of contributions to the community, the mission of The Nineteenth Century Club is to strengthen the community through learning, giving, and sharing its landmark building.

About the Host Committee of Past Presidents: A group of past Day Nursery Board Presidents made a financial contribution to off-set the cost of hosting this free event. Host Committee members include: Scott Dolezal (Current Board President), Melissa Elsmo, Ellen Gignilliat, Nancy Guarino, Sanita Lewis,

Jana McIllroy, Susan Murphy, Marilyn Pratt, Charlene Schwar, Martha Tardy, and Nancy Wohlford

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