



The Caspian Area Center opened its doors in March of 1972 in the old Caspian Area School in Greensboro Bend. Caspian was a preschool founded by Erika Karp at her farm in Greensboro. As demand increased, Erika and local parents negotiated with the Town of Greensboro to occupy the schoolhouse in the Bend. The new school was open to everyone willing to participate in a parent cooperative serving children aged 2-1/2 to 6. Families came from Greensboro, Stannard, Hardwick, Craftsbury, Walden, and Glover. Operating as a coop allowed the program to provide an essential service at minimal expense. Monthly tuition was \$25-\$40 per child in the early years. The original \$5,000 budget was balanced by fundraising with dances, meals, auctions, and appeals. Through great effort, parents in our communities brought to life one of the first pre-school programs in the area.

The school has succeeded in providing education and socialization for hundreds of children. The many changes required for this institution are a testament to the dedication of the school and directors. In the next year, kindergarten was added to the elementary schools and the resultant gaps in education budget. By the late eighties, it was instituted. The increase in both parents working and on parent involvement operations but strengthening participation on the Board of fundraising.



In spite of many changes through the decades, the school's philosophy stayed consistent. The concept, that each child is unique and requires an individualized learning style in a safe, nurturing setting has endured.

In recognition of decades of serving the community, Greensboro presents this award with appreciation and regard for everyone who contributed to the Caspian Area School and all of its subsequent iterations.



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