

23rd February, 1976.

Mr. Ian MacKenzie,  
President,  
Association of University and College Employees,  
2162 Western Parkway,  
Vancouver, B.C.

Dear Mr. MacKenzie,

The Pentacare Child Care Society, formed late last year, is in the process of developing a new, innovative day care centre. It will be located in Hut 87, 2845 Acadia Road, and, it is hoped, will be in operation early this summer.

The founding parents have come together from all sections of the University of British Columbia community, the students, staff and faculty, to meet certain deficiencies in the present system experienced both by the children and by the parents.

The aims of the Society fully express their concerns:

1. To provide an integrated day care and kindergarten programme, designed specifically for five-year-olds;
2. to permit the other day care centres on campus to absorb more three and early four-year-old children, thereby relieving some of the pressure on the waiting lists; and
3. to avoid the grave difficulties experienced by those parents of children of kindergarten age who, fully employed at work or study at U.B.C., have not got the time during the day to ferry their children between schools and day care centres in order that the children attend kindergarten.

Hut 87 is a large spacious building, admirably suited to the care of children. It was given rent-free by the University for this purpose, with the added provision of service and structural maintenance. The parents have taken upon themselves the task of raising the funds necessary to develop the indoor and outdoor play areas, and to make renovations to the building.

The five-year-old child is on the threshold of expanding his mental and physical capacities. The structures, equipment and toys will be geared to the needs of the developing children. For example:

Climbing frames, gym equipment, tree houses, for large muscle development;  
equipment and toys to encourage manual skills, fine muscle control and cognitive abilities;  
play houses (indoor and outdoor), besides all other

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furnishings of every day care centre. (Bicycles, blocks, books, easels, construction toys, tables, chairs, cupboards etc.);

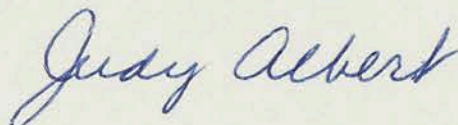
The "renovations" referred to above include the installation of sinks, doors and the removal of partitions to create open space.

The target figure is \$15,000.00: can you help us meet this objective? We would be happy to discuss with you our ideas, the relationship with the School Board concerning the Kindergarten class and the estimated breakdown of costs.

Contributions should be sent to Ms. Dianne DeMille, Treasurer of the Pentacare Child Care Society, c/o University Day Care Council, Hut 88, 2727 Acadia Road, Vancouver, B.C.

I am,

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Judy Albert,  
Chairperson.



Mr Paul Hutcheson,  
Secretary.