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July 21, 2023

Ms. Pushpa Jagoda  
Liberty Montessori International School  
155 Beechmont Drive  
New Rochelle, NY 10804

Dear Ms. Jagoda,

It is my great pleasure to confirm that you have been selected to receive an Early Education Hall of Heroes Award from the Child Care Council of Westchester. You were chosen from a large number of nominations submitted by parents and professionals from the Westchester early care and education community.

For nearly four decades, the Council recognized outstanding individuals and organizations that have advanced the field of early care and education with the Joey Award. The Joey Awards were named after the late Mr. Joseph Ungaro, an executive with the Gannett Suburban Newspapers, a leader in the Westchester community and the first president of the Child Care Council Board.

After marking the Council's 50 year anniversary in 2018, we decided to celebrate early child care professionals by establishing a "hall of fame" which we are calling the Early Education Hall of Heroes. You will be amongst the fourth group selected for the prestigious award. We hope you will share the good news about your award – be on the lookout for an email with ideas about how to spread the word.

The awards will be presented at our 2023 Early Education Hall of Heroes Celebration on Friday, September 29, 2023. We are excited to be in person at Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry, NY. Please take a moment to review and fill out the attached form so that we may move forward with event details.

Congratulations again on this achievement and accept our gratitude for all you have done for Westchester's children and parents.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Halas  
Executive Director