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Back to School With Project Acorn

MORRISTOWN, NJ (September 8, 2008) – An enthusiastic group of 80 three and four year olds are headed to high quality local preschools this September thanks to help from Project Acorn, the Morristown-based non-profit that underwrites preschool tuition for children and their families who need financial assistance. This is the largest group ever funded by Project Acorn, which has sent 450 children to preschool over the past thirteen years.

“These children come from families that truly value education but are unable to pay rising tuitions,” says Project Acorn executive director, Karen Titterton. “The youngsters benefit both socially and academically from the quality preschool experience we provide.” Each applicant family is screened and interviewed to confirm that the home environment reinforces the value of what the child learns in school. Once accepted, the child is matched to one of 21 Project Acorn partner schools.

The assistance doesn't end there: at a special Project Acorn Orientation last spring, the families were supplied with age appropriate reading books as well as information geared to enhance their child's preschool experience.

Founded in 1995 by Morristown residents Stuart and Jill Lasser, Project Acorn recognizes the proven long-term impact of early childhood education on the character and ultimate success of young children. Project Acorn is funded entirely through private donations from local individuals, corporations and foundations. Recent corporate funding partners include *Bestfoods Educational Foundation, the Hyde & Watson Foundation, Novartis, PNC Bank, Avis Budget Group and Sanofi-Aventis.*

Project Acorn youngsters benefit from 2 to 5 half-day sessions per week. Most attend preschool for two years and enter kindergarten with important learning, language and social skills in place. For more information on how you can help Project Acorn provide early childhood education to local children in need, contact Executive Director Karen Titterton at (973) 455-7815 or log onto www.projectacorn.org.

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