

COLUMBIA CORRIDOR
ASSOCIATION

East Columbia Neighborhood Association
c/o Dick Towle
544 NE Southshore Rd.
Portland OR 97211

21 March 2007

re: Columbia Children's Arboretum Project

Dear Dick,

It's a pleasure to write in support of the Children's Arboretum Project. The support from businesses, local residents and government agencies has been heartening. I've enjoyed working with you to secure donations from businesses and a grant from Portland Parks. I strongly support the grant request from Metro's Nature in Neighborhoods program.

The Columbia Corridor Association (CCA) is a non-profit organization representing the interests of 2,000 Columbia Corridor businesses employing 60,000 individuals. Our goal is to improve the economy and community of the Columbia Corridor. The Children's Arboretum will make a significant improvement to the community.

Several of CCA's members are located near the Children's Arboretum and are assisting with its development. CCA will continue to promote the park as a resource to businesses and an educational opportunity for kids. We look forward to helping complete the project with participation from the community.

CCA always enjoys working with the partners of this project in making the Columbia Corridor a better place to live and work, and looks forward to a successful project.

Sincerely,



Corky Collier
Executive Director