

## First Parish in Concord: Social Action Grants Committee Grant Request Cover Sheet

A. First Parish Sponsor			
Name	Margot Kimball Johnson	Date of Request	1/18/2017
Street Address	21 Winthrop Street	Are you a First Parish Pledging Member?	x Yes
City, State, Zip	Concord, MA 01742		No
Email Address	margotkimball@gmail.com	Home Phone	
Describe your relationship to Grantee Organization		Cell Phone	978-760-4429
Long time supporter of and donor to Childrens Island, actively participated in fundraisers, created cards and art for fundraisers			

B. Grantee Organization Information			
Organization Name	Children's Island		
Contact Person	Andrea Hewitt	Title	President
Street Address	261 Central Street	Phone	978-201-9590
City, State, Zip	Concord, MA 01742	Organization's Annual Operating Budget	\$9000
Email Address	childrensisland@yahoo.com		
Please describe the organization's mission Children's Island provides free meals, preschool and after school education to children in need in Capilla del Monte, Argentina.			

C. Grant Request Overview			
Goals of project for which grant is requested	Meals program		
Briefly describe the Target Population.	Children from very poor families whose caregivers cannot afford to cover basic needs such as food and costs for education, in Capilla del Monte, Argentina		
How many people will be affected?	53	n/a (if not applicable, describe other measurable goals in grant narrative.	
Describe the Geographic Location of Project	Capilla del Monte, Cordoba, Argentina		
Total Project Budget	\$9000	Grant Request Amount	\$1200
Please List Other Funding Sources	Private donors, school fundraisers		\$8000
To whom should award check should be made payable?	Children's Island		

D. First Parish Involvement			
List First Parish members involved in project	CC King, Margot Kimball, Colleen White, Jan Power		
Describe any other First Parish connections	Fundraisers were held at First Parish, participation in coffee hours		
Has organization or project received previous support (in all forms) from First Parish?			x Yes No
If so, please describe	We have received a grant for the last ten years and have held a number of fundraisers at First Parish		

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January 18, 2017

## **Grant Application**

Dear members of the SAC Grant Committee,

It is with much appreciation that we would like to apply for a grant for our non-profit organization "Children's Island" again. Children's Island supports a children's center for children in need in Capilla del Monte, Argentina.

The center is open to children from very poor families whose parents, mainly single mothers, have no adequate place to leave their children while they go to work and cannot afford to pay for childcare. Our center "Isla de Ninos" provides a safe, nurturing and caring environment for children who would otherwise be left on their own during the day and would grow up without the adult guidance and loving support every child needs.

We currently have 23 children aged 2 to 6 in the project, and around 30 school children who attend the center in shifts, have lunch at the center and do their homework there. In many cases the center is the only place where there is a table for the children to sit at and a caring adult to work with them.

All our children also receive – depending on when they are at the center- breakfast, snack, a warm lunch and a second snack before they go home. All meals are nutritious and well balanced. Many of our families are so poor that they don't know how to feed their children from day to day. We continue to send food home to the neediest families whenever possible, which enables us to reach siblings and ensure none of our children need to go to bed hungry.

As in the past years we would like to ask you for a grant of 1200.00 \$ to support our food program with 100.00 \$ a month.

At the moment we are servicing around 53 children in Capilla del Monte. Food prices continue to be high and shopping, cooking and feeding all the children in our care presents an enormous challenge for us. As in the past years, our families are asking for more and more support as they constantly struggle to keep up with rising costs. Haide and Elsa buy all the food themselves, carry it to the center or get a taxi when loads are too heavy. They prepare all the meals from scratch every day. Their commitment and dedication ensure that all our children receive daily healthy, nutritious meals, but they cannot do their work without our financial support, and your food grant over the past years has been truly essential to our work in Capilla del Monte.

Your grant in the future will mean that all the 53 children in our care have a chance to eat

a warm meal every day, that children who come to us in different stages of malnutrition, often infested with parasites, have a chance to heal. This year, as in the past, with Argentina continuing to feel the impact of staggering inflation, with our families already being among the poorest in their community, we are doing everything we can to offer our children an opportunity for a better future.

First Parish member Colleen White has been very involved with “Children’s Island” for more than fifteen years, organizing fundraisers and sponsoring children in the center. Margot and Matt Kimball Johnson and CC and Tom King, all active First Parish members, have been generous donors and benefactors to Children’s Island for many years.

There are many opportunities for more members of First Parish to get involved with Children’s Island. I would be happy to come in and present the project to any group or member who is interested. Children and adults can get involved with fundraising and/or help us come up with new ideas for raising money. Families or individuals can sponsor a child in the center and could have a direct connection with that child through letters/ cards/ photos. We are also encouraging friends who travel in Argentina to visit the center, and have started a volunteer program for anyone who would like to make a difference and would be able to spend time in the center as a volunteer.

We truly hope that you decide to support our children in Argentina again. Our organization is run by volunteers only, which means that all donations go to the center directly, and your grant will have an immediate effect and make a real difference.

Please know that your grant helps us keep our doors open!

If you decide to support us, please make the check payable to “Children’s Island” and send it to Children’s Island, c/o Andrea Hewitt, 261 Central Street, Concord, MA 01742

Please let me know if you have any questions or if there is any further information I could share with you.

Thank you so much for considering our request.

In gratitude,

  
Andrea Hewitt