

# Union Hill Church preschool in Denville recognized with Golden Acorn Award



Judy Pierce of Morristown presents the Preschool Advantage Golden Acorn Award for exemplary quality in preschool education to Jill Head, Director, Union Hill Church Preschool in Denville.

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Preschool Advantage Inc. of Morristown recently awarded Union Hill Church Preschool in Denville its Golden Acorn Award for exemplary quality in preschool education for children ages 3 and 4.

The award was presented to Jill Head, director of the Union Hill Church Preschool in Denville.

Preschool Advantage has long recognized the quality of early education at Union Hill. This year the Preschool Advantage School Committee wanted to formally define quality preschool with the Golden Acorn Award. The award is based on five points of quality in preschool education: teacher and child interaction, curriculum, family involvement, staff qualifications and professional development, and management of the school.

The school committee is comprised of numerous current and former preschool directors and teachers who care deeply about early childhood education. Members volunteer to visit the Preschool Advantage partner schools on a three-year cycle to ensure quality is maintained. A checklist has been developed using National Association of the Education of Young Children guidelines, the Grow NJ Kids program and the considerable experience of the Preschool Advantage

committee.

Tuitions for three children at Union Hill Church Preschool are funded by Preschool Advantage for the 2016-17 academic year. Their families could not afford preschool for their children without the support of the Morristown non-profit and the Union Hill Church Preschool. "While there are federally funded programs to cover the cost of preschool for families living below the poverty line, working families making over that level have limited options" said Molly Dunn, executive director for Preschool Advantage. "There are thousands of families in New Jersey who cannot access a quality education for their child. We are committed to addressing this need one child at a time."

Preschool Advantage partners with 18 schools in 12 local towns to fund preschool for children whose families cannot afford it. Together with its donors, supporters, volunteers, and community partners, Preschool Advantage seeks to provide opportunities for a lifetime of learning that will create a better world for its students, their families, and the community. To sponsor a child or to learn more about Preschool Advantage, please call 973-532-2501 or visit our website at preschooladvantage.org.

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