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## Preschool Advantage Recognizes The Tree House Preschool for Excellence in Education

Basking Ridge, NJ – December 11, 2020 — Preschool Advantage, a local nonprofit, honored The Tree House, a preschool in Basking Ridge, with its annual Golden Acorn Award, which recognized the school for its outstanding achievements in preschool education. On December 7th Preschool Advantage trustee and Bernardsville resident Lauren Diemar presented the award to the preschool's director Jen Nowack.

Preschool Advantage's School Committee, comprised of current and former preschool directors and teachers who care deeply about early childhood education, conducts a rigorous evaluation of its partner preschools to choose a recipient. In order to win this award, a school must maintain excellence in six key criteria: teacher and child interaction, curriculum, family involvement, staff qualifications, professional development, and management of the school. The Committee noted that the Tree House Preschool bases its curriculum upon the philosophy that children learn best through play with hands-on activities. Their experienced teachers guide children's learning through active participation, thinking, and experimentation. Additionally, their small class sizes create a perfect environment to foster educational and social development.

Director Jen Nowack, responding to this honor, said, "We are thrilled to be a part of Preschool Advantage. As a mission of the Presbyterian Church of Basking Ridge, The Tree House strives to provide an environment rich in independent learning, while fostering character

development, confidence, and a love of learning in every child. At The Tree House, children build their foundation for future learning by exploring their potential and the world in which they live. By being a part of Preschool Advantage, we are able to extend this mission and enrich our school by welcoming children with different backgrounds and circumstances to our community of learning."

Preschool Advantage is a non-profit organization that has provided families with financial assistance for high quality preschool education since its inception 25 years ago, funding over 1,500 tuitions. Additional information about the organization can be found on preschooladvantage.org, or by calling (973) 532-2501. Applications are now being accepted for the 2021-2022 school year, with priority given to applications received before March 1, 2021.

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Pictured from left: The Treehouse director Jen Nowack and Preschool Advantage trustee and Bernardsville resident Lauren Diemar