

**Bonita Mall
Executive Director, Women's Board
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Dear Bonita—

I write to share with you and the Women's Board some terrific news: the Family Resource Center (FRC) has received permanent University funding effective July 1, 2008.

As you will recall, in 2006 the Women's Board provided generous funding to launch the FRC as a pilot program. Over the last 2 years, the Center has become an invaluable resource for student families University-wide. There are now over 180 registered users who rely on the FRC for family-friendly programming, supportive parental resources, and social networking.

The FRC will remain in its original location at 5655 S. University Ave., occupying several rooms of the University Church building. It will operate from 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday during the academic year. A full-time FRC Manager will be hired to handle Center operations, develop and implement programming, oversee a staff of Visitor Control Assistants, and supervise interns from the University of Chicago's School of Social Services Administration who will provide additional staff support through academic field experience.

Thanks to the Women's Board, the FRC vision has become a reality and will continue to provide supportive programs and services for student families at the University of Chicago for years to come. I will be in touch with you later this autumn with an invitation to the annual FRC Opening Reception, which will be an extra-special "success story" celebration this year.

Sincerely,

Brooke

**Brooke Noonan
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