



## OUR HISTORY

What began as a wish to help parents of young children create a centered, joyful, and warm family life became Sophia's Hearth in 1999. The first programs for parents started in rented space at Antioch University. Classes brought parents and children together to build confidence, connection, and respect for the dignity of the child. Over the years, the program relocated to accommodate ever-expanding groups and brought forth new services including Waldorf Early Childhood Teacher Education and full-time, year-round childcare.

Today, Sophia's Hearth is a world-recognized leader in Early Childhood Education. Based in the beauty and warmth of Waldorf education, all our programs incorporate the important research of Emmi Pikler and other respected experts in the development of and care for the young child.

In 2010, with the help of countless generous people, we moved into our permanent home at 700 Court Street in Keene, NH. That new home made it possible for us to realize our dream of adding childcare to our services for Monadnock families. In 2016 the childcare program was expanded with the addition of a new classroom space. In 2018 our large community room was created to house our Teacher Education Center and to provide space for our programs for parents and the community. In 2023, this beautiful building was dedicated to our founding Executive Director, Susan Weber, in recognition that she turned the dreams and wishes of our earliest days into a vibrant place of love and care for teachers, children and parents.

