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Hello Sonshine Connection parents,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Donna Russell. I will be the new director of Sonshine Connection. With Janice retiring, I know I have some big shoes to fill. I don't take this new responsibility lightly, but I'm excited for the change and challenge in my life.

I have been attending Woodcreek Church for nine years. I'm prayerful God's glory will be revealed during this transition time with Sonshine Connection to continue the dedication and sacrifice Janice has done over the past 40 years.

I have three children: Margaret is 19, moved out and living on her own. She is currently attending Aveda Cosmetology School of Dallas. Justin is 17 and finishing his junior year of high school. He attends classes one day a week with Classical Conversations of East Plano. Charles is 15. He's finalizing his freshman year also attending Classical Conversations in Mesquite. I have home schooled all my children and plan to graduate my two boys as I did my daughter. My husband, Jammy and I have been married for 22 glorious years.

We both accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior a few months before we were married at 22 and 24 years old. Since then, I have followed God's calling in my life. This is one of those callings. In accepting this idea, it didn't make sense at first. I confess, I still wonder at this plan. With a minor in music, an undergrad in elementary education and a master's in reading, He has allowed me to use all my gifts and talents to His glory. That's all I've ever wanted to do.

I truly look forward to knowing more about you and your family. There will be a lot of changes for the coming 2017-2018. Some of the highlights will include:

Time Change: 9am-2pm: This will alleviate some time conflicts with older children in school.

Parent orientation in the evening: I would love for dads to be a part of the teacher introductions.

Monthly unit studies: Longevity and repetition are ways children learn.

Chapel once a week: Songs and Bible stories will be part of this time to enhance your child's understanding of God.

Evening Christmas program for 3-4 year olds: Children love to sing and perform. Let's give them an opportunity to do that.

Evening Pre-K graduation: Invite your family and friends. More info to come.

Online tuition payments: I'm hopeful this will be more convenient to you.

There will be other changes that I hope you will notice. I want these changes to positively affect your child and their education. There are two things I take very seriously - ones salvation and their education. Both of them are vital in learning more about God and being

able to share Him with others. That is what life is all about and this is the goal of Sonshine Connection.

How can you help? Please pray as we begin putting together our 2017-2018 teaching staff. Pray for Ms. Janice! This will be a change for her. I know God has more in store for her.

Change can be hard, but I know with dedication and some hard work, God will work through the lives of everyone to make this as smooth as a perfectly calmed pond.

I am available any time by email, text or phone call. My contact info is:

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I am here to serve you.

In Christ,
Donna Russell
Sonshine Connection Director
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