



Local Foundations Support Children and Families with \$50,000 in Grants Awarded to Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative

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Vero Beach, FL – Local grant making organizations recognize the importance of supporting young children and their families. High quality early childhood education is an area with the highest return on investment and \$50,000 in local philanthropic dollars has been invested this year in preparing children and their families for kindergarten!

These generous gifts were awarded to the Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative (KRC) through the competitive grant processes of the John's Island Community Service League, John's Island Foundation, Grand Harbor Community Outreach, and Quail Valley Charities. The grants support KRC's Family Engagement Initiative, which focuses on supporting families with young children by teaching them about the stages of child development, connecting families to local services, and addressing underlying family issues.

KRC has 2 Family Connection Centers, one in Fellsmere and one in Gifford, where families can interact with professionals and their peers to gain knowledge and skills in a variety of parenting aspects. KRC's Family Connection Center staff members are working with families to better understand the community's needs and interests.

Through partnerships with local agencies, programs offered through the Family Connection Centers include parent support groups, interactive parent training sessions, mental health counseling, early childhood coaching, free dental screenings, GED classes and tutoring, and literacy enrichment activities.

For more information about the Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative, visit www.krcirc.org or call 772-617-4350.

About KRC

The Kindergarten Readiness Collaborative is a local nonprofit working with over 50 partner agencies to help prepare children and their families for school and life. We proudly partner with the Moonshot Moment, transforming the next generation in Indian River County by having 90 percent of all students reading on grade level by the third-grade.

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