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JPMORGAN CHASE and CO. SUPPORTS LITERACY FOR MONROE COUNTY CHILDREN



L to R: William VanTyle, Senior VP, JPMorgan Chase and Co; Lori VanAuken, Deputy Executive Director, Children's Institute; and Robert F. Ryan, Region Executive, Western NY Region, JPMorgan Chase and Co.

Rochester, NY December 13, 2010— For the third year in a row, JP Morgan Chase and Co. has provided \$15,000 to support Children's Institute's *Partners in Family Child Care* program.

Children's Institute's *Partners in Family Child Care* prepares young children for Kindergarten by teaching early literacy skills and improving social/emotional outcomes of children in group family child care programs. Home visitors teach child care providers how to integrate curriculum into their programs and help providers connect children and families to community resources and services.

The program began in 2008 and has served approximately 900 Monroe County children ranging in age from birth to age 5 who are cared for in 90 group family child care programs. Second year results show that children are making gains above developmental expectations in early literacy. Additional data highlight areas in which family child care providers excel in their work with children as well as areas in which they can improve.

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Partners in Family Child Care is research based. According to Mr. VanTyle, JPMorgan Chase continues to support Children's Institute because the agency is known to be data driven and results oriented.

The project director is Shira Peterson, Ph.D., who is a research associate at Children's Institute. The program is a collaboration of Children's Institute, Family Child Care Satellite Network of Greater Rochester at Rochester Childfirst Network, and Family Resource Centers of Crestwood Children's Center at Hillside Family of Agencies.

Additional third year funding for Partners in Family Child Care is provided by the Brush Family Fund of Rochester Area Community Foundation, Rochester's Child, M&T Bank, Gerard and Caryl Wenzke, the Gannon Werner Memorial Fund, two anonymous donors, and United Way of Greater Rochester. Donated children's books have been collected by the Rochester Literacy Movement.

Children's Institute is a national charitable organization that works to improve the lives of children by strengthening their social and emotional health. Through sound research and evaluation, the organization develops and promotes effective prevention and early intervention programs, materials and best practices for children, families, schools and communities. Children's Institute is affiliated with the University of Rochester and has served the community for over 50 years.

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