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Community Foundation Awards One Hope United with \$7,000 Grant

CHICAGO, IL (June 23, 2017) --- Last December, the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley approved a \$7,000 grant to One Hope United for art easels, drying racks, and a new washer and dryer for the Aurora Early Learning Center.

Prior to this grant, Aurora Early Learning Center was forced to use a much older washer and dryer that was designed for residential use. With 10 classrooms in the center, the small size and condition of the units made laundry a daunting task. Typically, staff had to run the washer at least twice in order to ensure cleanliness and the dryer had to be ran multiple times in order for garments to be fully dry. Overall, the appliances were not energy efficient and required frequent maintenance.

Also due to the amount of classrooms and lack of resources, many did not have enough easels to display the student's artwork. This resulted in some children not being able to participate in activities, taking away from their creative learning experiences.

With this grant from the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, Aurora Early Learning Center will be able to provide a better environment for all students. Every classroom is now equipped with art easels and drying racks and washing and drying clothing is no longer a tedious task for the staff.

About One Hope United

One Hope United is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that for over 120 years has been working to transform lives and communities through a diverse array of early childhood education, prevention, intervention and community-based programs. Their team of nearly 800 talented professionals serves thousands of children and families each year in Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Florida.

About the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley

The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley is a non-profit, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization that administers individual charitable funds from which grants and scholarships are distributed to benefit the citizens of the Greater Aurora Area, the TriCities and Kendall County, Illinois.

Founded in 1948, the Foundation provides a simple and powerful approach to charitable giving. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations have the opportunity to custom design their own named funds that reflect their charitable goals and interests. Since its inception, the Community Foundation has grown to more than \$80 million in assets and has awarded more than \$63 million in grants and scholarships.

For more information on the Foundation, visit www.CommunityFoundationFRV.org.

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