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Northern Rivers receives \$6,250 in grants for Early Head Start

ALBANY, N.Y. — Northern Rivers Family of Services' Early Head Start program has been awarded a \$3,750 grant from Stewart's Holiday Match and a \$2,500 grant from National Grid.

The funds will be used to purchase learning supplies, play equipment, bottles, diapers, books, and other needs for the facility and its clients.

Early Head Start, operated by Northern Rivers member agency Parsons Child & Family Center, serves low-income expecting mothers and families with children up to age 3 in Schenectady County. More than 120 children are served each year through both full-day center-based and weekly in-home programs designed to improve school readiness, literacy skills, child and family development, physical and mental health, and family mentoring.

"Our Early Head Start students will benefit greatly from the kindness of Stewart's and National Grid. We always have a need for more classroom supplies and learning materials, and the impact of these grants, which will provide even greater benefit because of matching federal Early Head Start funding, will be felt immediately by grateful Schenectady families," said Wendy Hopkinson, Executive Program Director of Early Childhood Services at Northern Rivers.

About Northern Rivers Family of Services:

Founded where the Mohawk and Hudson meet, like the rivers that shaped our region, Northern Rivers Family of Services helps change lives by shaping the future of those we serve throughout the Capital Region and beyond. Comprised of parent company Northern Rivers and member agencies Northeast Parent & Child Society and Parsons Child & Family Center, we are a family of human service agencies who work together and are committed to helping children, adults, and families. Our quality of care, depth of programs, combined size and passion for the mission make us a leading provider. Informed by our 188-year heritage, our 1,400-strong workforce provides services for 16,000 children, adults, and families throughout 35 counties in New York state. For more information, call 518.426.2600 or visit northernrivers.org.

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