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KidsPeace Receives \$27,000 Grant for Foster Parent Recruitment in North Central Pennsylvania

WILLIAMSPORT, PA (August 3, 2021) - KidsPeace announced that its foster care operations have received a \$27,000 grant from the Williamsport Lycoming Community Fund at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania.

The grant will be used to increase community awareness of the need for foster families in the designated service area of its Williamsport office - Lycoming, Tioga, Sullivan, Clinton, Centre, Bradford, and Union counties in north central Pennsylvania.

The grant will allow KidsPeace to implement a digital marketing campaign, targeting potential foster parents who would be willing to accept sibling groups, older youth and youth with moderate to severe mental health needs. The effort is aimed at increasing the placements of youth in those categories in loving, supportive foster homes.

The organization noted that across Pennsylvania, 15,000 children are placed in foster care -- including nearly 500 in the Williamsport office's designated service area alone.

"The pandemic has made it much more challenging to recruit foster families, and especially to recruit those willing to care for siblings and young people facing significant emotional needs," said Angelene Delarge, regional manager for KidsPeace's Pennsylvania foster care services.

"This grant will make it possible for us to raise awareness of this situation among people who are more likely to step up and become foster parents in this area."

With the receipt of the grant funding, Delarge says digital marketing activities are expected to begin in early fall, and she hopes to have the first set of potential foster parents recruited as a result of the campaign receiving their training by the end of 2021.

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(Photo Caption: KidsPeace Foster Care receives a \$27,000 grant from the Williamsport Lycoming Community Fund at the First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania. From left: Brian Bluth, FCFP Board Chair; KidsPeace’s Angelene Delarge, Elizabeth Lunney and Jessie Young; and FCFP President and CEO Jennifer Wilson.)

About First Community Foundation Partnership of Pennsylvania:

The Foundation works to improve the quality of life in north central Pennsylvania through community leadership, the promotion of philanthropy, the strengthening of nonprofit impact and the perpetual stewardship of charitable assets. FCFP strives to create powerful communities through passionate giving. For more information visit www.FCFPartnership.org.

About KidsPeace

Since 1882, KidsPeace has been building on its expertise to give hope, help and healing to children, adults and those who love them. Through its comprehensive range of residential treatment programs; accredited educational services; unique psychiatric hospital and foster care and community-based programs, KidsPeace is dedicated to helping people connect, transform and overcome their challenges to ensure a stable future, transition to adulthood and gain independence. Since its doors opened, nearly 300,000 children have participated in one of the multitude of programs KidsPeace offers.

For additional resources or more information on how to get involved, become a foster parent or make a donation, please visit www.kidspeace.org and www.fostercare.com. Follow us at www.facebook.com/kidspeace.org or on Twitter @KidsPeace.

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