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## JPMORGAN CHASE SUPPORTS LITERACY FOR MONROE COUNTY CHILDREN



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

Rochester, NY – For the second year in a row, JP Morgan Chase Bank has provided \$15,000 to support Children's Institute's *Partners in Family Child Care* program. Robert F. Ryan, Western NY Region Executive, and William VanTyle, Senior Vice President, JPMorgan Chase Bank, were on hand to present the check on January 5 to Lori VanAuken, Deputy Executive Director of Children's Institute.

*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.

During 2008-2009, the first year of this program, approximately 200 Monroe County children ranging in age from birth to age 5 who were cared for in 30 group family child care programs benefitted. First year findings include improved quality of early literacy environment in the group family child care programs, improved providers' knowledge of child development and use of developmentally appropriate practice, and gains above developmental expectations in early literacy development of children. Over the course of the three-year program, up to 900 children will be served.

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Like all programs developed by Children's Institute, *Partners in Family Child Care* is research based. According to Bob Ryan, JPMorgan Chase chose to support Children's Institute because the agency is known to be data driven, results oriented, collaborative and community focused.

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 funding for Partners in Family Child Care is provided by the Brush Family Fund of Rochester Area Community Foundation, Rochester's Child, First Niagara Bank, M&T Bank, Gerard and Caryl Wenzke, the Gannon Werner Memorial Fund, and an anonymous donor. Donated children's books have been collected by the Rochester Literacy Movement and Byron Bergen Central School District.

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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