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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 Dr. Dirk Hightower, Executive Director, Children's Institute.

Rochester, NY...December 13, 2011—For the fourth consecutive year, JPMorgan 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 720 Monroe County children ranging in age from birth to 5 who are cared for in 90 group family child care programs. The first three years show that children are making gains above developmental expectations in early literacy and overall development. 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.

Partners in Family Child Care 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.

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