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TD Charitable Foundation Boosts Nonprofit’s Efforts to Prepare At-Risk Children for School

Fairfax, VA / July 21, 2016 – Main Street Child Development Center (Main Street) was awarded a \$7,000 grant by TD Charitable Foundation. The grant will support Main Street’s early childhood education program, which serves 125 predominately low-income students a year; all reside in Fairfax County or the City of Fairfax.

As a long-time Main Street supporter, TD Charitable Foundation has made a huge impact through local philanthropic efforts. This year’s grant will be used to ensure that Main Street students achieve school readiness, and to increase the involvement of parents in students’ lives.

“As a leader in the community, TD Charitable Foundation understands the struggles of our families. Many of our children experience instability at home due to unemployment, substance abuse, domestic violence or financial strain,” said Executive Director Carol Lieske. “As a team, we address these issues early and get our kids the resources they need, so that they are prepared for kindergarten when the time comes.

"We take our responsibility to invest in the enrichment of the community seriously and supporting programs that enable our families to thrive are important to us," said Terry Kenny, Market President, TD Bank. "This program will help to improve the lives of so many families throughout Fairfax County and TD is extremely proud to support it."

TD Charitable Foundation has contributed \$35,000 to support Main Street’s mission over the past 10 years.

About Main Street Child Development Center

Main Street Child Development Center is a 501(c)(3)-registered nonprofit organization with a mission to provide high-quality, comprehensive early childhood education programs and support services for children and their families, regardless of financial circumstances. Since 1973, Main Street has (a) prepared nearly 3,000 children with the school readiness skills essential for success in kindergarten and beyond, and (b) provided an essential work support so that low-income parents can maintain full-time employment.

Each year, Main Street directly impacts the lives of 300 individuals including 125 preschool students, ages 2-5, through a full-day, year-round preschool program; 25 elementary school students, ages 5-10, through a school age childcare program; and 150 parents through engagement activities and adult education opportunities. Main Street is accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and holds a four-star rating from the Virginia State Quality Initiative. Please visit www.MainStreetCDC.org for more information.

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