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### **George Preston Marshall Foundation Awards Grant to Fairfax Early Childhood Nonprofit To Ensure Low-Income Children Receive Healthy Meals, Snacks Daily**

**Fairfax, VA / January 13, 2017** – Main Street Child Development Center (Main Street) received a \$7,500 grant from George Preston Marshall Foundation to support *Healthy Meals, Healthy Minds*, a meals component critical to the health of children served daily in Main Street’s early childhood education programs; currently, 78% of Main Street’s students qualify as low-income.

Executive Director Carol Lieske said that George Preston Marshall Foundation’s support will allow Main Street to serve a total of 25,000 meals and 36,000 snacks over the 12-month grant period. “George Preston Marshall Foundation’s generosity will help us continue to serve nutritious and varied meals and snacks, so critical to our children’s ability to learn and develop,” added Lieske.

Since 2014, George Preston Marshall Foundation has contributed \$12,500 to Main Street’s programs.

#### **About Main Street Child Development Center**

Founded in 1973, Main Street Child Development Center is a 501(c)(3)-registered nonprofit organization that provides high-quality, comprehensive early childhood education programs and support services to empower children and their families, regardless of their financial circumstances. Each year, Main Street prepares 125 preschool students (ages 2 to 5) and 25 elementary school students (ages 5 to 10) with learning and life skills that are essential for success in school. All students are residents of Fairfax County or Fairfax City.

#### **About the George Preston Marshall Foundation**

Since beginning operation in 1972, the George Preston Marshall Foundation has awarded more than \$18 million in grants to organizations which provide direct services for children of the greater Washington, D.C. area. Shifts in emphases over time reflect changing community needs and opportunities, but primary interest remains in the fields which concerned Mr. Marshall; child welfare, health, education, sports and recreation.

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