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KMZ Foundation Backs Fairfax Nonprofit in Preparing At-Risk Kids for School Success

Fairfax, VA / January 20, 2017 – In October 2016, Main Street Child Development Center (Main Street) received a \$5,000 grant from KMZ Foundation to cover general operating expenses. The grant was the first awarded to a Northern Virginia-based nonprofit by the recently-founded KMZ Foundation.

“We are excited to welcome KMZ Foundation to Northern Virginia’s philanthropic community,” said Executive Director Carol Lieske. “The foundation’s support is critical as we empower children with the resources they need as early as possible so they will be prepared for success in school and in life.”

General operating support is especially important small nonprofit organizations. Main Street’s early childhood education programs currently serve 150 predominately low-income students per year, all of whom reside in Fairfax County or Fairfax City. Thus, teacher salaries account for the bulk of budgeted expenses.

“We have been impressed with the professional care, education and nurturing that the Main Street Child Development Center provides to hard working families in our Community”, said Karen Baer, one of the Founding Trustees of the KMZ Foundation. “We are excited to help [Main Street] pursue their mission and continue their important work in Northern Virginia.”

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 essential for success in school. All students are residents of Fairfax County or Fairfax City.

About the KMZ Foundation

The KMZ Foundation is a private family foundation created in 2015 by founding trustees and sisters Kathleen Murphy Zimpel, Karen Murphy Baer and Kristin Murphy Coile. Established as a charitable trust in Virginia, the Foundation’s trustees are based in northern Virginia and Nashville, Tennessee. The Foundation’s primary goal is to support small- and medium-sized underfunded organizations whose day-to-day existence is dependent on community support.

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