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### **John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation Awards Grant to Innovative Early Childhood Nonprofit in Fairfax**

**Fairfax, VA / March 6, 2017** –Main Street Child Development Center (Main Street) has received a \$15,000 grant from John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation. The award will support general operating expenses for Main Street, a nonprofit that provides early childhood education programs for 150 predominately low-income children per year; all children are residents of Fairfax County or Fairfax City.

Executive Director Carol Lieske welcomed support from John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation, a leader in the DC Metro philanthropic community, but a new funder for Main Street.

“John Edward Fowler Memorial 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 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 seek] opportunities to help at-risk children and youth in the D.C. Metro area,” said John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation President Richard H. Lee. “It is our privilege to support Main Street Child Development Center.”

#### **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 John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation**

The John Edward Fowler Memorial Foundation was created in 1964 by Pearl Gunn Fowler in memory of her late husband, John Edward Fowler, a Northern Virginia businessman. In recent years the Foundation has awarded about \$1.2 million in grants annually.

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