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GRANT ALLOWS RIGHT STEPS TO OPEN ZOO-PHONICS TRAINING TO LOCAL CHILDCARE PROVIDERS

Lafayette, IN – Right Steps Child Development Centers received a grant for \$21,120 from the Caterpillar Foundation to provide training and materials for all four Right Steps Centers and twenty local childcare providers. The Zoo-phonics program will assist local centers in achieving a higher level of care. This grant aids Right Steps in their mission to provide and advocate for quality child care and early education. Right Steps believes that all children deserve quality child care that prepares them for future success and with the help of the Caterpillar Foundation, Right Steps is able to promote this care.

Right Steps CEO Debi DeBruyn states, “We are so grateful to Caterpillar Foundation for supporting Zoo-phonics. We work very hard to align our initiatives with our wonderful local school corporations’ learning priorities.”

On Saturday, January 26, representatives and teachers from Right Steps and twenty local childcare providers will attend the Zoo-phonics training at the Northend Community Center. This training is free to selected providers. Attendees will receive a complementary Zoo-phonics Preschool Kit that includes all items needed to implement Zoo-phonics in the classroom.

What is Zoo-phonics? It is a multi-sensory language arts program. Zoo-phonics is a developmental, sequential, and comprehensive phonics and literature-based program. This supplemental curriculum covers developmental progress from toddlers through first grade.

About Right Steps Child Development Centers

Right Steps Child Development Centers is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to provide and advocate for quality early childhood education and care. They operate four centers around the Greater Lafayette Area, Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. The state licensed centers maintain national accreditation status from the National Association for the Education of Young Children. All four locations are Level 4 certified in the Paths to QUALITY program, Indiana’s voluntary quality rating system, making them the highest quality child development center option.

About The Caterpillar Foundation

The Caterpillar Foundation’s mission is to alleviate poverty and place people on the path to prosperity. Since 1952, the Caterpillar Foundation has been dedicated to transforming lives in the communities where we live and work around the world. Together with our partners, we champion programs that support education, environment and basic human needs – which help people help themselves out of poverty. The Caterpillar Foundation has contributed more than \$715 million to help make sustainable progress possible around the world.

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