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The Kids-N-Hope Foundation Donates \$602,500 to Children’s Health and Life Service Organizations and Local Area Hospitals

\$500,000 Contribution to Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s Music Therapy Program

PHILADELPHIA – December 20, 2023 – The Kids-N-Hope Foundation (“the Foundation”) has announced \$602,500 in annual contributions to support their mission of funding music therapy, music programs, and child life services through organizations and local area hospitals, including [Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s \(“CHOP”\) Music Therapy Program](#). Since its inception over 25 years ago, the Foundation has raised and donated over \$3.7 million for pediatric therapy programs in the Philadelphia region, including more than \$3.3 million for CHOP.

The Kids-N-Hope Foundation distributes thousands of dollars to local area hospitals at the end of each year to continue supporting its mission. This year, the following organizations received donations from the Foundation:

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| Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia - \$500,000 | CORA Services - \$5,000 |
| Doylestown Hospital - \$25,000 | Christ’s Home Children and Family Services - \$5,000 |
| Grand View Health - \$10,000 | Federation Early Learning Services (FELS) - \$5,000 |
| Jefferson Health Foundation - \$10,000 | KenCrest - \$5,000 |
| Trinity Health/St. Mary Medical Center - \$7,500 | Providence Center - \$5,000 |
| Catholic Community Services - \$7,500 | Special People in the Northeast (SPIN) - \$5,000 |

At CHOP, the Kids-N-Hope Foundation provides financial support for the Music Therapy Program, which is designed to effect positive change in the psychological, physical, cognitive, and social functioning of individuals with health or educational problems.

“The Kids-N-Hope Foundation made a commitment to make a difference in the lives of children over 25 years ago,” stated Bruce K. Foulke, Founder and Chairman of the Kids-N-Hope Foundation, and President & CEO of American Heritage Credit Union. “I am so proud of the work our volunteers and Board of Directors have done this past year. The Foundations is excited for the upcoming year’s fundraising opportunities for all of our beneficiaries, and we look forward to supporting these wonderful organizations.”

In 1996, American Heritage Credit Union become the first credit union in the country to form its own charitable organization. After American Heritage’s President & CEO Bruce Foulke visited the Seashore House at CHOP, he and the American Heritage Board of Directors determined that the Credit Union would pledge to become a permanent benefactor of local pediatric causes, and thus the Kids-N-Hope Foundation was created to support CHOP’s needs, starting with the Music Therapy Program.

“Music therapy and similar Child Life, Education and Creative Arts Therapy support services are crucial to a patient’s care experience and CHOP relies on the generosity of donors, like American Heritage and the Kids-N-Hope Foundation, to provide these offerings to our patients and families who need it,” stated Tim Johnson, Senior Director of Corporate Leadership Giving at CHOP. “We truly appreciate this longstanding partnership and the investment they make in our children and families in our care.”

About American Heritage Credit Union

American Heritage Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative with more than \$4.6 billion in assets serving more than 800 Workplace Partners and more than 300,000 members, with more than 35 locations across Philadelphia, Bucks, Chester, Montgomery, Delaware, and Camden Counties. Founded in 1948, American Heritage Credit Union is now one of the top 75

largest credit unions in the United States and named Pennsylvania's 2023 Best-in-State Credit Union by Forbes. For more information about American Heritage Credit Union please visit AmericanHeritageCU.org.

About the Kids-N-Hope Foundation

The Kids-N-Hope Foundation ("The Foundation") was organized by American Heritage Credit Union in 1996, and provides support for Child Life Services, specially, Music Therapy at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia ("CHOP") and other local hospitals within American Heritage's Workplace Partner Program. To date, the Foundation has distributed more than \$3.8 million dollars since inception through its fundraising efforts.

Enclosed: Photo(s)



The Kids-N-Hope Foundation presents Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's with a check for \$500,000 for the year of 2023 to continue supporting the hospital's Music Therapy Program.



The Kids-N-Hope Foundation presents Special People in the Northeast (SPIN) with a check for \$7,500.



The Kids-N-Hope Foundation presents CORA Services with a check for \$7,500.



The Kids-N-Hope Foundation presents Christ's Home Children and Family Services with a check for \$5,000.

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