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## PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Crossroads Center for Children** is proud and honored to announce a grant from **KeyBank Foundation**. This grant will support technology development for the school.

Located in Schenectady, New York, Crossroads Center for Children is a not-for-profit Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) school and clinic where young children with autism spectrum disorders and other developmental disabilities learn and grow alongside their more typically developing peers. The mission of Crossroads is **to prepare individuals with and without developmental disabilities for life success within their families and communities**.

Each year since opening in 1998 to serve 5 young children diagnosed with Autism whose school districts did not have appropriate programs for, Crossroads Center for Children has educated an increased number of children with and without disabilities. The scope of the program has also expanded in order to meet the growing needs of the community. Crossroads' mission is carried out minute by minute all year through, to help each and every student learn the critical skills they need to be successful in their classroom, family and community.

Crossroads does receive funding in the form of tuition and enrollment payments. This income alone, however, makes just a small dent in the total costs of running a highly achieving, life-changing program that Crossroads has become known and respected for. In order to ensure that each student learns and progresses with the essential skills for communication, behavior, social interaction, self-care, academic, motor and life, an exacting, highly effective and disciplined program based on the science of ABA is carried out across the program. To achieve this high level of programming, Crossroads relies greatly on financial support from our community in the way of fundraising, donations, and grants. Crossroads is deeply grateful to KeyBank Foundation for their interest in the school.

KeyBank Foundation's gift will help Crossroads to update technology and computers used by students and staff on a daily basis. For students at Crossroads, developing technology skills is an important area targeted by teachers and therapists to help students make progress within their families and communities, and gain exposure to some of the vast technological advances that students in public schools have access to.

KeyBank Foundation grants support several categories, including education. KeyBank Foundation strives to "provide students with opportunities to prepare for fulfilling careers through access to high quality education and support for their academic success. The focus of grant outcomes is on academic success through preparation, access, attainment, retention, and completion (graduation)." Information about KeyBank Foundation can be found at <https://www.key.com/about/community/key-foundation-philanthropy-banking.jsp>.

For more information about this exciting grant and the important programs at Crossroads Center for Children, please visit <http://www.crossroadcenter.org> or contact Kelly Young, Executive Director, at 518-280-0083.