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PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT

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For Immediate Release

Crossroads Center for Children is excited to announce that we have been chosen to receive a grant from Price Chopper's Golub Foundation to support programming to help children develop social skills.

Crossroads Center for Children, of Schenectady, New York, is a not-for-profit school where young children with autism spectrum disorders 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 family and community.

Since Crossroads opened in 1998 to serve just 5 children, the school has served increasing numbers of children with and without disabilities, and they have increased the scope of our programs in order to meet the growing needs of the community. Their goal is to ensure that all of the students learn the functional, academic and social skills they need to be successful in their family, community and school classroom.

Although they do receive some government funding in the form of tuition payments, this money does not cover all of the costs of running a successful and effective educational program. In order to ensure that all of the young students learn the skills they need to become fully productive citizens within their homes, schools and communities, Crossroads must rely on financial support from the community in the way of fundraising, donations, and grants.

Crossroads applied for a grant from Price Chopper's Golub Foundation to support Social Skills Development programming. A grant in the amount of \$500. was approved and will help the school with purchasing items to use with students in the area of social skills development. Games, interactive materials such as Picture Exchange Communication System books, music activities and art supplies are items of consistent need. Materials get used, children change interests as they grow, and the school struggles to keep pace with spending. This gift will make a wonderful difference for the 103 students who are enrolled at the time of this writing.

Price Chopper's Golub Foundation has been there for Crossroads for several years. From contributing to the pavilion project on the playground, to supporting our Learning Without Tears and Touch Math curriculums, we are so thankful for their generosity and dedication.

Social skills development in children with autism and other special developmental needs will benefit the communities that they reside in now and in the future. As students learn to communicate their needs and wants in functional ways, they are able to engage in the world around them more and more. The skills they learn help them to be able to succeed in other settings and to grow.

The mission of Price Chopper's Golub Foundation is to improve the quality of life of residents located in communities where Price Chopper has a strong business presence. These areas are New York, Massachusetts, Vermont, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and New Hampshire.

Crossroads Center for Children is delighted, proud, and honored to be selected by Price Chopper's Golub Foundation, and thrilled to have their help to run this important program for our students. For more information about this exciting grant project, please visit <http://crossroadcenter.org/> or call the school at (518) 280-0083 and ask to speak to Kelly Young, Executive Director.