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## Jacob's Ladder Receives Grant from Porter County Community Foundation to Support Developmental Training Initiative

**VALPARAISO, IN**—Jacob's Ladder Pediatric Rehabilitation has been awarded a \$9,816 grant from the Porter County Community Foundation (PCCF) to support a new developmental milestone training program for teachers and caregivers. This initiative aims to equip those working with young children with essential knowledge and tools to better understand and respond to developmental needs, ensuring that more children in Porter County can thrive from the start.

The grant is part of PCCF's spring Community Fund grant cycle, which distributed \$163,385 to 24 nonprofit organizations throughout Porter County. These grants were made possible through the generosity of community members and the Foundation's commitment to creating a lasting impact in the areas of education, health and human services, youth programs and more.

"We are overjoyed to be able to partner with Hilltop Neighborhood House to provide our Milestone Certification program and weekly trainings to the teachers and staff there. This will create an environment where children's milestone achievement can be supported and accelerated," said Mariann Frigo, Executive Director of Jacob's Ladder Pediatric Rehabilitation.

The new training program will offer in classroom workshops and resources for both educators and caregivers, focusing on practical strategies to observe, track, and support key developmental milestones. It builds on Jacob's Ladder's long-standing commitment to compassionate, evidence-based pediatric care and early intervention.

Jacob's Ladder is honored to be among the local organizations recognized by PCCF this cycle. Other grantees include The Caring Place, Valpo Parks Foundation, Dunes Learning Center, and more, all contributing to the vibrant network of services and support in Porter County.

To learn more about Jacob's Ladder visit [www.jacobskids.org](http://www.jacobskids.org) or call (219) 764-4888.

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**About Jacob's Ladder Pediatric Rehabilitation**

Jacob's Ladder is a nonprofit organization providing comprehensive therapy and supplemental care for children in need. Each week, over 1,300 therapy visits are completed with specialized pediatric staff. They serve seven counties across Northwest Indiana: Porter, Lake, LaPorte, Jasper, Newton, Pulaski and Starke. Jacob's Ladder envisions a community where no child with developmental delays or special needs goes without comprehensive and affordable rehabilitation services in order to grow into the best version of themselves. Additionally, every neuro typical newborn has the screenings and supports to stay on track as they conquer their milestones. This will be accomplished by further educating their community on the benefits of early childhood intervention and encouraging those who share similar values to join them in achieving this vision.

**About Porter County Community Foundation**

Porter County Community Foundation collaborates with community members to support their favorite causes by creating and managing permanent endowment funds that make it possible for generosity to last forever. Since 1996, PCCF has awarded over \$45 million in grants and scholarships to organizations and students in our community. To learn more about how you can make a lasting difference for your favorite causes, contact PCCF at 219-465-0294, visit the foundation online at [PCCF.gives](http://PCCF.gives).