



The New England Center
for Children®

Autism Education and Research

THE NEW ENGLAND CENTER FOR CHILDREN RECEIVES \$21,000 GRANT FROM JOY IN CHILDHOOD FOUNDATION

Dunkin' Donuts Foundation Money to Support Children with Autism

Southborough, Mass. – Nov. 17, 2016 - The New England Center for Children® (NECC®), a global leader in education and research for children with autism, announced today that they have received a \$21,000 grant from the Joy in Childhood Foundation (formerly The Dunkin' Donuts & Baskin-Robbins Community Foundation.) The funds will benefit the education, research and development of technology for children with autism and their families.

“The New England Center for Children is honored to be granted this generous donation by the Joy in Childhood Foundation,” said Vincent Strully, Jr., Founder and CEO of The New England Center for Children. “One in 68 children worldwide have autism, up 119% from 2000. Now more than ever we need to focus on the underserved population of children with autism. With the help of Dunkin' Brands and their Joy in Childhood Foundation, we can make further steps in helping transform the lives of children with autism and their families.”

“The Joy in Childhood Foundation recognizes the innovative education programs that The New England Center for Children provides to children with autism, and we are very happy to further their mission,” said Molly Wiley, Co-Chair of the local Chapter of the Joy in Childhood Foundation.

About the Joy in Childhood Foundation

The Joy in Childhood Foundation provides the simple joys of childhood to sick and hungry kids. The Foundation brings together a wide range of stakeholders—including franchisees, crew members, employees, partners and guests —and partners with food banks, children's hospitals, and nonprofit organizations directly committed to serving sick and hungry kids to fund joyful environments, joyful experiences and joyful expressions to ensure that children whose lives are compromised by hunger or sickness have the support and essential services to find joy in their daily lives. Since launching in 2006, the Joy in Childhood Foundation (formerly The Dunkin' Donuts & Baskin-Robbins Community Foundation), has granted more than \$11 million to hundreds of national and local charities across the country.

About The New England Center for Children

The New England Center for Children® is a world leader in education, research and technology for children with autism. For more than 40 years, our community of teachers, researchers and clinicians have been transforming lives and offering hope to children with autism and their families. NECC's award-winning services include home-based, day, and residential programs; public school partnerships and consulting; the John and Diane Kim Autism Institute; and the ACE® ABA Software System used by more than 4,100 students in 24 states and nine countries. A 501c3 non-profit, The New England Center for Children is based in Southborough, MA, and also operates a center in Abu Dhabi, UAE. More information is available at www.necc.org.

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