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Press Release

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Old Mill Center Grant Presentation

Monroe, Oregon (May 21, 2019): Old Mill Center for Children and Families is the recipient of a \$30,000 grant from The Oregon Community Foundation. The funds will help Old Mill Center open a Relief Nursery Therapeutic Classroom in Monroe to provide much needed early learning and parenting support to families with young children in rural south Benton County. The project is in cooperation with the Monroe School District and the classroom will be based in an existing building on the grounds of the Monroe Grade School. The new Relief Nursery will be a satellite of the existing Old Mill Center Relief Nursery in Corvallis.

Relief Nurseries provide vital services such as therapeutic early education, parent education and support groups, respite care, and referrals/support for high-risk families with children under the age of 6. Therapeutic preschool services, which are currently not available in Monroe and the surrounding area, will complement outreach and home visiting programs already established to help keep children safe in their homes by reducing risk factors associated with child abuse and neglect. Relief Nurseries operate as independent sites governed by the Oregon Association of Relief Nurseries (OARN) and are funded through a mixture of government funding, grants, and community donations.

For nearly 45 years, the Oregon Community Foundation has helped individuals, families, businesses and organizations create charitable funds to improve lives for all Oregonians.

The grant will be presented to Old Mill Center by Anne Schuster, former Benton County Commissioner and Oregon Community Foundation representative at 4:30 pm on Wednesday, May 29 during the South Benton Health and Safety Fair (4pm to 6pm) at the Monroe High School. All are welcome to attend.

If you would like more information, please call Christy at 541-757-8068 ext. 111 or email christy_turner@oldmillcenter.org.