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The Essex Foundation Helps Equip Sensory Gym at The Mayer Center

Awards \$10,000 Grant to Support Children and Adolescents with Developmental Challenges

Essex, CT – The Essex Foundation recently answered a call for support from Middlesex Health’s The Mayer Center, a comprehensive service provider for children and adolescents with developmental challenges, such as autism, sensory processing disorder, speech disorders and cerebral palsy. The Foundation’s \$10,000 grant helped fund equipment for the sensory gym at the new 3,100 square-foot facility, located in a renovated space at 252 Westbrook Road in Essex, the former site of Middlesex Health’s Shoreline Medical Center. According to Bruce Glowac, President of The Essex Foundation, “It was an easy decision by the Board to make the award and support the vital services provided at The Mayer Center. We are happy to help ensure area children and their families have access to a state-of-the-art facility.”

The Mayer Center is proud to offer applied behavioral analysis and treatment, speech and language pathology, physical therapy, and occupational therapy, all at one location. In addition to the sensory gym, the center has private treatment rooms and a group therapy space. The holistic treatment approach allows families to get the care that’s needed with decreased travel and scheduling time.

“We are grateful for the generous grant from The Essex Foundation,” says Sarah Moore, executive director of development for Middlesex Health. “We identified an urgent health care need in our community, and we have been humbled by the outpouring of support from donors like the foundation. They’ve helped us open The Mayer Center and serve families in our community.”



The Essex Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Essex residents by providing funding for needs not met by other organizations or sources. The Foundation relies on donations from individuals, businesses and other community groups to fund special community projects and needs that benefit Essex residents. More information can be found online at www.theessexfoundation.org or by emailing contact@theessexfoundation.org.

Pictured Above (from left to right): Sarah Moore of Middlesex Health accepts a \$10,000 grant award from The Essex Foundation board members Cheryl Harger, Jim Clark, Jay Tonks, Judy Bombaci, Herb Clark, Strickland Hyde, and Bruce Glowac.