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The Essex Foundation Funds Preschool River History Program

Essex, CT – Young children attending Essex Preschool will have the opportunity to learn about the Connecticut River and local history thanks to a \$2500 grant award from The Essex Foundation (TEF). The preschool, located in the lower level of First Congregation Church in Essex, is partnering with the Connecticut River Museum to provide (6) monthly visits to the riverfront location for interactive programming starting in the fall of 2025. The funding covers museum and preschool staffing for 25 children to participate in the off-site activities, all designed to engage the minds of the youngest museum goers.



According to Dr. Donna Risolo, Director of the Essex Preschool, "Adding additional services such as art programs, music, and museum experiences places a financial strain on our young families' childcare budgets. We are delighted and grateful for The Essex Foundation's support in making enriching educational experiences accessible for all our youngsters."

The Essex Foundation Board of Directors approved the funding request in early March and presented the award later in the month. TEF Board President Strickland Hyde stated, "The partnership programming between the preschool and the river museum is a perfect example of the projects that the Foundation is happy to help make happen – it's never too early to learn about and appreciate our local history and natural world."

Providing support for educational programs is just one of the many local needs met by The Essex Foundation. Supported by donations from the 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. More information can be found online at www.theessexfoundation.org or by emailing contact@theessexfoundation.org.

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Pictured Above (l-r): Bruce Glowac, Cheryl Harger, CRM Programs & Education Manager August Stromberger, EPS Director Donna Risolo, Strickland Hyde, Judy Bombaci, and Gary Comstock.