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Achievement Academy Recipient of The Libertore Fund For Children Grant

LAKELAND, FL (March 9, 2020) –The Libertore Fund for Children has awarded a grant to the Achievement Academy’s Birth to Three program to help fund their Hospital to Home initiative. With the new Carol Jenkins Barnett Pavilion for Women and Children's Level III NICU, premature babies are now being born in Polk County instead of surrounding counties. Early Interventionists in Achievement Academy’s Birth to Three program have a weekly presence in the Carol Barnett Pavilion which builds trust and relationships with the families before they leave the hospital. This also provides a seamless transition for the early interventionist to provide services in the home. This funding will help families with tiny premature babies receive free early intervention services and empower the parent to be the child’s first teacher. The support of The Libertore Fund for Children is truly a vital component to the success of the children in our community.

The Birth to Three program has grown to serve 200 infants and toddlers each month in their homes with one-on-one early intervention services. These services are free and available to any parent that has concerns about their child’s development.

The Libertore Fund for Children's mission is to make a difference in the lives of at-risk children, eliminating barriers to their success so they can realize a brighter future. “Our team is passionate about helping children overcome obstacles that threaten their minds, bodies and hopes,” states Lana Swartzwelder, Managing Consultant.



(L-R) Stacy Williams-Myers, CFRE, Development Director with the Achievement Academy accepts a check from Lana Swartzwelder, Managing Consultant with The Libertore Fund for Children.

About the Achievement Academy

*The Achievement Academy serves children from birth through age five with various developmental delays and disabilities. The Achievement Academy offers two programs, each provided at no cost to the child or family. The first program is a **Charter School** that offers specialized instruction by certified teachers; small class sizes; individual speech, occupational and physical therapies; and assistive technologies that enable each student to reach his or her full potential at one of the Achievement Academy's three campus locations (Lakeland, Winter Haven and Bartow). The second is a **Birth to Three Program** that provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers who are "at-risk" for developmental delays and/or have been identified with a specific delay. Professional Early Interventionists serve these children and their families.*