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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**



***WNCSource Secures Grant to Offer Developmental Day Programs for Special Needs Children in Henderson County***

***Radio Copy:***

- WNCSource is excited to announce that it has received a generous grant from the Dogwood Health Trust to support Developmental Day programs for special needs children in Henderson County.
- Developmental Day programs provide educational services and therapeutic care to preschool-age children with behavioral, physical, or developmental challenges to help them prepare for school.
- Earlier this year, Henderson County Public Schools began contracting with WNCSource to provide the Developmental Day program at its Tebeau Children’s Center in Hendersonville where the nonprofit operates Head Start programs.
- WNCSource operates two DD classrooms with a mix of special needs and typical children to provide an inclusive learning environment where all children thrive. Professional therapists conduct weekly occupational, physical, and speech therapy to support the children’s needs.
- Grant funding will help support first-year operating costs for the Developmental Day program including increased staffing, contract therapeutic services, and year-round education and care.

***Newspaper:***

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HENDERSONVILLE, NC—WNCSource is proud to announce that it has been awarded a generous grant from the Dogwood Health Trust to support Developmental Day programs for special needs children in Henderson County providing vital resources to help these children prepare for school.

Developmental Day programs offer essential early educational services and therapeutic care to preschool-age children facing behavioral, physical, or developmental challenges. The goal is to equip these young learners with the skills and confidence they need to thrive in a traditional school environment.

Earlier this year, Henderson County Public Schools contracted WNCSource to provide the Developmental Day program at the Tebeau Children's Center in Hendersonville, where the nonprofit also operates Head Start early education programs. HCPS refers children with special needs to the Developmental Day program. The collaboration has enabled WNCSource to extend its commitment to inclusive education through two specialized classrooms designed to include a mix of special needs and typically developing children, fostering an environment where all students can learn and grow together.

In addition to inclusive education, professional therapists offer weekly occupational, physical, and speech therapy sessions to address the diverse needs of the children in the program. The funding from Dogwood Health Trust will play a crucial role in covering the first-year operating costs for the Developmental Day program. This includes increased staffing, enhanced therapeutic services, and providing year-round education and care.

"We are deeply grateful for the support from Dogwood Health Trust," said Linda Carter, Director of Children's Services. "This grant enables us to expand our services and continue making a meaningful difference in the lives of children with special needs and their families in Henderson County."



Picture Attached to email.

WNCSource is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit based in Hendersonville, NC that assists low income and underserved people in Western North Carolina. Our programs include Children's Services, Transportation, Housing and Older Adult Services. Working together with our communities and partners, WNCSource improves people's lives by creating pathways to self-reliance and healthier living. For more information, please contact: Terri Bowman, [TBowman@WNCSource.org](mailto:TBowman@WNCSource.org) or call (828) 693-1711.

Dogwood Health Trust is a private foundation based in Asheville, North Carolina with the sole purpose of dramatically improving the health and wellbeing of all people and communities of 18 counties and the Qualla Boundary in Western North Carolina. Dogwood Health Trust focuses on innovative and equitable ways to address the many factors that contribute to overall health and wellbeing. With a focus on housing, education, economic opportunity and health and wellness, Dogwood Health Trust works to create a Western North Carolina where every generation can live, learn, earn and thrive, with dignity and opportunity for all, no exceptions. To learn more, please visit [www.dht.org](http://www.dht.org).

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