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**The Kids-N-Hope Foundation Donates \$562,500 to Children’s Health and Life Service Organizations and Local Area Hospitals**

*\$500,000 Contribution to Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s Music Therapy Program*

PHILADELPHIA – December 20, 2022 – The Kids-N-Hope Foundation (“The Foundation”) has announced \$562,500 in annual contributions to support their mission in funding music therapy and child life services through organizations and local area hospitals, including Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s (“CHOP”) Music Therapy Program. Since its inception over 25 years ago, The Foundation has raised and donated over \$3.1 million for pediatric therapy programs in the Philadelphia region, including over \$2.8 million to CHOP.

The Kids-N-Hope Foundation distributes thousands of dollars to local area hospitals at the end of each year to continue supporting its mission. This year, the following organizations received donations from The Foundation:

Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia - \$500,000  
Jefferson Health Foundation - \$10,000  
Doylestown Hospital - \$7,500  
Grand View Health - \$7,500  
Trinity Health/St. Mary Medical Center - \$7,500

Catholic Community Services - \$5,000  
CORA Services - \$5,000  
Federation Early Learning Services (FELS) - \$5,000  
KenCrest - \$5,000  
Providence Center - \$5,000  
Special People in the Northeast (SPIN) - \$5,000

At CHOP, the Kids-N-Hope Foundation provides financial support for the Music Therapy Program, which is designed to effect positive change in the psychological, physical, cognitive, and social functioning of individuals with health or educational problems.

“American Heritage and The Foundation made a commitment to make a difference in the lives of children over 25 years ago,” stated Bruce K. Foulke, Founder and Chairman of the Kids-N-Hope Foundation, and President & CEO of American Heritage Credit Union. “I am so proud of the work our volunteers and Board of Directors have done this past year. I am excited for the upcoming year’s fundraising opportunities for all of our beneficiaries, and look forward to fulfilling the Foundation’s pledge to donate at least \$1.9 million in additional funds to CHOP over the next five years.”

In 1996, American Heritage Credit Union became the first credit union in the country to form its own charitable organization. After American Heritage’s President & CEO Bruce Foulke visited the Seashore House at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, he and the American Heritage Board of Directors determined that the Credit Union would pledge to become a permanent benefactor of local pediatric causes, and thus the Kids-N-Hope Foundation was created to support CHOP’s needs, starting with the Music Therapy Program.

“The support from The Kids-N-Hope Foundation helps our Child Life team provide the best care possible to meet the unique needs of our patients as they cope with illness, treatment and the overall healthcare experience,” stated Tim Johnson, Senior Director of Corporate Leadership Giving at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. “Our Music Therapy Program would not exist without partners like American Heritage and the Kids-N-Hope Foundation. Our community is very grateful and thankful for our continued partnership!”

### **About American Heritage Credit Union**

American Heritage Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative with more than \$4 billion in assets serving more than 800 Workplace Partners and more than 275,000 members, with more than 35 locations across Philadelphia, Bucks, Montgomery, Delaware, and Camden

Counties. Founded in 1948, American Heritage Credit Union is now one of the top 75 largest credit unions in the United States. For more information about American Heritage Credit Union please visit at [www.americanheritagecu.org](http://www.americanheritagecu.org).

### **About the Kids-N-Hope Foundation**

The Kids-N-Hope Foundation (“The Foundation”) was organized by American Heritage Credit Union in 1996, and provides support for Child Life Services, specially, Music Therapy at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (“CHOP”) and other local hospitals within American Heritage’s Workplace Partner Program. To date, the Foundation has distributed more than \$3.1 million dollars since inception through its fundraising efforts.

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*The Kids-N-Hope Foundation’s Founder and Chairman, Bruce K. Foulke (right), presents Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia’s Chief Operating Officer, Douglas G. Hock (left), with a check for \$500,000 for the year of 2022 to continue supporting the hospital’s Music Therapy Program.*



*The Kids-N-Hope Foundation presents Special People in the Northeast (SPIN) with a check for \$5,000.*



*The Kids-N-Hope Foundation presents CORA Services with a check for \$5,000.*

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