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## Press Release

### **ChildSavers Awarded Grants from Capital One, WestRock, & Altria**

**RICHMOND, VA, September 29, 2016:**

ChildSavers is pleased to announce \$105,000 awarded in grants to support programs Mental Health Services and Child Development Services.

Capital One awarded \$40,000 to support ChildSavers program that helps early child care educators earn their Child Development Associates credential. The CDA program is a national credentialing program that represents expert consensus about what early educators should know and be able to do in the classroom. The CDA is the only certificate of its kind that is accepted in every state in the US. Child care providers who earn this credential increase their earning potential and job status, helping them to improve their quality of life in the process.

WestRock Foundation awarded \$25,000 for ChildSavers' outpatient mental health services for children. This gift will provide nearly 500 sessions of therapy for children in our community who would otherwise not have access to care.

Altria Companies Employee Community Fund awarded \$40,000 for the Immediate Response service's Trauma Response. Trauma Response provides immediate assistance to children who have witnessed or been victims of a trauma, or mental health crisis. This program provides mental health support with trained clinicians 24/7 and partners with the Richmond City Police Department, Richmond Ambulance Authority, and VCU Health Systems.

Chief Executive Officer, L. Robert Bolling said, "We could not fulfil our mission without the support of partners like Capital One, WestRock, and Altria. These businesses are leaders in investing in our community's future and children. We are so grateful for the support and the belief that all children should be safe, happy, healthy, and ready to learn."

#### **ABOUT CHILDSAVERS**

ChildSavers is a Central Virginia non-profit organization whose mission is to, "...guide our community's children through life's critical moments with trauma-informed mental health and child development services." The core of their mission is a fundamental commitment to the mental well-being of children and the positive bond between adult and child. They

support this with clinical treatment, education, and training services that offer reassurance, healing, and the skills necessary to achieve normal life and development.

ChildSavers was founded in 1924 by Martha Patteson Branch in memory of one of Richmond's first pediatricians, Dr. McGuire Newton, to serve Virginia's children during a worldwide flu epidemic. Early in their history ChildSavers mission turned to addressing the mental health and development needs of children throughout the region; especially those who have experienced trauma.

ChildSavers is a community-supported nonprofit governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. They are licensed by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services and accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Child and Family Services.

Their offices are located at 200 North 22nd Street in the Church Hill community of Richmond. To learn more about their programs and services visit [www.childsavers.org](http://www.childsavers.org) or call (804) 644.9590.