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Foellinger Foundation Announces $500K Signature Grant to Associated Churches for ‘Let’s GROW!’ Program

Foellinger Foundation announces that it has awarded Associated Churches a grant in the amount of $500,000 for three-year support of the Let’s GROW! early childhood development program. This brings the Foundation’s total investment in the program to more than $1.7M since 2011.

View the video conference here.

Let’s GROW! asks, “Where do those in need go for childcare and early childhood education?” and offers an ecumenical solution that supports ministries across our community, particularly those in some of the lowest-income neighborhoods of the city.

In addition to financial and technical support, these funds help with skills development for caregivers, raising the quality of childcare being delivered.

As the program moves into 2021–2023, the program is stepping up its individualized help, including the hiring of a coach to reach out to urban center directors on a regular basis to ensure they have the technology and support necessary to navigate the complexities and requirements for early childhood programs.

The Let’s GROW! program serves over 1,000 children each year.
“Foellinger Foundation’s mission is to strengthen organizations that serve children and families—particularly those with the greatest economic need and least opportunity. We believe our Signature Grants have made a legacy-level impact on our community. It’s an exciting day to affirm our support of Associated Churches and Let’s GROW!,” said Cheryl Taylor, President, Foellinger Foundation.

Learn more by visiting the website of Foellinger Foundation (foellinger.org) or Associated Churches (associatedchurches.org/lets-grow).

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**About Foellinger Foundation**

The Foellinger Foundation is a private, charitable foundation that invests in excellence by providing grants, leadership training, conferences, workshops, webinars, and thought-leading speakers to strengthen nonprofit organizations that serve Allen County. The Foundation was created in 1958 by Helene Foellinger, The News-Sentinel publisher from 1936 to 1980, and Esther Foellinger, her mother. Visit Foellinger.org for more information.