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LE JARDIN COMMUNITY CENTER AWARDED \$31.5 MILLION EXPANSION GRANT

HOMESTEAD, FLORIDA, MARCH 16, 2021: Le Jardin Community Center, Inc. is proud to announce that it has been awarded a 31.5-million-dollar grant. This grant is part of the Early Head Start Expansion Funding Opportunity that was awarded through the Department of Health and Human Services, Administration of Children and Families, Office of Head Start. Le Jardin was 1 of 62 applicants in the United States, 1 of 7 programs awarded in Region 4, and the only program awarded in Florida. The grant goes hand in hand with the launch of a Mobile Health Bus this fall which will facilitate access to an array of comprehensive services for children and families.

With the addition of this grant, Le Jardin will serve 608 infants, toddlers, and pregnant women in the Early Head Start program and 480 Head Start preschool children, for a total of 1,088 children. "We are very excited about the expansion of the Early Head Start program. Not only is Le Jardin providing quality early childhood educational services to children, we have also added 123 new jobs into our community," says Chairwoman of the Board, Karin Gerardin. Eduardo Berrones, CEO, expressed his excitement, "I am happy the organization continues to grow and provides high quality comprehensive services to the Homestead/Florida City community." For more information, contact Glenda Gonzalez-Pino at 786-876-4950.

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