

HOLY CHILD ACADEMY RECEIVES \$32,500 GRANT FROM THE CONNELLY FOUNDATION TO ENHANCE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Drexel Hill, PA –

Holy Child Academy is thrilled to announce that the Connelly Foundation has awarded a generous grant of \$32,500 to support the development of a new Outdoor Nature Space as part of the school's Early Childhood Montessori program. This funding will enable Holy Child Academy to further enhance its Early Childhood curriculum by creating an engaging, hands-on learning environment for its youngest students.

The new Outdoor Nature Space will provide children with opportunities to explore the natural world, encouraging curiosity and critical thinking while promoting physical activity and environmental awareness. By integrating this outdoor experience into the Early Childhood Montessori program, Holy Child Academy continues its commitment to innovative, experiential learning.

"We are deeply grateful to the Connelly Foundation for their support," said Rebecca Kellich Ed.D., Head of School at Holy Child Academy. "This grant has allowed us to create a unique and enriching space where our students can learn and grow through nature-based exploration."

The Outdoor Nature Space is part of Holy Child Academy's ongoing efforts to enhance its educational offerings for students from Nursery through Eighth. Holy Child remains dedicated to providing exceptional learning opportunities that foster creativity, independence, and a love for learning.

About Holy Child Academy

Holy Child Academy is a co-ed independent Catholic school serving Nursery through grade eight students. Our mission is to provide a nurturing, dynamic learning environment that encourages students to reach their full potential through a blend of academic excellence, character development, and experiential learning.

About the Connelly Foundation

Inspired by its Catholic heritage, Connelly Foundation's mission since its founding in 1955 is to improve the quality of life in the Philadelphia region by supporting charitable organizations in the areas of education, human services, culture, and civic life that strengthen resilience and help people to flourish. The work of the Foundation is principally driven by its founders' John and Josephine Connelly's personal charitable principles, with an emphasis on strengthening Catholic education, and providing help and opportunity to those in need.

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