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Mary's Center Receives Anonymous Donation in Honor of Staff Member
Donor Hopes to Inspire Others to Recognize Mary's Center Frontline Workers

Washington, D.C. — Mary's Center is grateful to be receiving a significant contribution from an anonymous donor in recognition of the organization's Senior Early Childhood Manager, Dr. Georgette Saad.

Georgette, who the donor fondly refers to as the 'Wizard,' joined Mary's Center in 2012 and has played an important role in the creation of the Early Childhood Behavioral Health Program and implementation of Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) to help caregivers and children to enhance their relationships. The contribution is given as an expression of gratitude for Georgette's positive impact in the life of the donor's entire family.

"Mary's Center, and the Wizard in particular, are instrumental in supporting our family as we navigate parenthood," said the anonymous donor. "We are happy to make this initial gift, which we hope inspires others to donate in recognition of the dedicated Mary's Center frontline staff, past and present; we also value the essential role Mary's Center fills in supporting members of our community, regardless of their ability to pay."

"I am humbled and deeply honored for such a demonstration of support for Mary's Center through this gift," said Georgette. "It has been a privilege to be invited into this family's world, and I look forward to continuing to work with other changemakers at Mary's Center to help our parents tap into their strengths as their children grow."

To encourage similar gifts in honor of Mary's Center staff, the generous donor is sponsoring a challenge match and will triple the first \$5,000 raised in gifts donated towards the campaign. The challenge match will commence on October 8th, Mary's Center's birthday, and will run through the end of 2022. To donate, visit www.maryscenter.org/wizard.

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Mary's Center is a community health center serving over 65,000 people of all ages, incomes, and backgrounds in the Washington, DC metro area for over 30 years. With an integrated model of health care, education, and social services, Mary's Center offers each participant individualized care on the path toward good health, stability, and economic independence. For more information, visit www.maryscenter.org.