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**Firstenburg Foundation Grants Innovative Services NW \$25,000 for Early Learning
Expansion Project**

VANCOUVER, WA—The Firstenburg Foundation has granted Innovative Services NW \$25,000 for their Early Learning Expansion Project.

“We are so thankful for the continued relationship with the Firstenburg Foundation and the support we have received throughout the lifetime of our organization,” said Innovative Services NW CEO, Dena Strong.

After a successful five-year capital campaign, Innovative Services NW moved into the Mary Firstenburg Family Center in June 2008. The 36,000 square foot facility enables all programs of Innovative Services NW to be housed in one building, which was specifically designed for use by each major program area with room for growth.

Innovative Services NW Early Learning Program serves approximately 128 children and their families per year in Clark County and surrounding areas. Over 400 meals are prepared weekly in the Helping Hands kitchen.

The Expansion Project is slated to begin in May 2022 and will add an additional classroom to the current eight classrooms and increase kitchen capacity. The expansion will serve the growing needs of families seeking quality early childhood education services in Clark County.

The Early Learning program at Innovative Services NW includes the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) which offers free preschool for income-eligible children with risk factors such as family violence, homelessness, chemical dependency, CPS involvement, incarcerated parents, disabilities or foster care. ECEAP also includes family support and parent involvement, child health coordination and nutrition and other services responsive to each child’s family heritage and experience.

If you or your business is interested in becoming a donor for Innovative Services NW, contact Melissa Ruth, VP of Operations, at mruth@innovativeservicesnw.org.

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