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Fair Lawn School for Children with Disabilities Meets \$210K Challenge

FAIR LAWN, NJ - The Children's Therapy Center has met and exceeded the challenge set forth by Mr. David Bolger, Ridgewood Philanthropist, to raise \$210,000 by January 15th. This is the first step in providing additional and enhanced services to NJ children with disabilities.

The Children's Therapy Center provides educational and therapeutic services for children with severe developmental disabilities. Our students, who range in ages as young as 18 months through eight years of age are all in need of very specialized services as a result of major medical issues, genetic disorders, neurological problems and chromosomal abnormalities.

The goal came about as a result of a desperate plea from Center parents to continue services to their children past 8 years of age. CTC parents, who are accustomed to the level of education and care that the Center provides, vehemently wish to change the 8 year cut-off. They would like the CTC services to continue for their children. A local philanthropist, David Bolger, heard that plea and challenged the Center to raise \$210,000 by January 15th in order to accomplish the first step – completing the current capital campaign. If The Children's Therapy Center raised the \$210,000 in the allotted time, Mr. Bolger would match the money raised dollar-for-dollar. This was an "all-or-nothing" challenge and will be used to enhance the future of our children through expanded programs and services. Our ultimate goal is to open our services to children over eight years of age.

Parents, donors, volunteers were overwhelmingly supportive. We were thrilled to receive a pledge from the National Order of Elks in the amount of \$100,000. One Center family solicited friends and business associates to achieve a personal goal of \$315,000 in cash and pledges! Other Center families participated in the campaign by hosting and supporting special event fundraisers.

Executive Director and Principal, Marvin Leiken said, *"The outpouring of support and love that came from the families and local community was overwhelming. We feel very honored that so many people understand the importance of our work."*

For more information on the challenge, The Children's Therapy Center's programs or ways that you can support the expansion and enhancement of services, please contact Audra Hoffman at 201.797.7440 or e-mail, ahoffman@thechildrenstherapycenter.org.

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Ridgewood Philanthropist, Mr. David Bolger and a CTC student enjoy a playful new toy.