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Invest in Kids announces new fund to aid Colorado's young children and families, as well as the nurses that help them

The Jacquelyn Wonder Fund to provide dollars to families and nurses who are part of Nurse-Family Partnership program

DENVER, CO — Mon., June 10, 2019 — Invest in Kids (IIK) today announced the launch of its first-ever grant fund to provide financial help for families and nurses who are part of Colorado's Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program. IIK implements NFP throughout the state, a program that brings together highly-trained nurses and first-time moms living in poverty to improve their lives and create better futures for themselves and their babies. The Jacquelyn Wonder Fund will provide \$50,000 for unmet needs experienced by the families being served by NFP, as well as educational and professional development needs for NFP's nurses.

"We are incredibly grateful to Jacquelyn Wonder and Jerry Conover, a couple who have been integral to improving the health and well-being of young children and families in Colorado for over 30 years," said IIK's executive director Lisa Hill. "Through the new Jacquelyn Wonder Fund, we will be able to supply our NFP families with critical items for themselves and their babies, and ensure that our nurses are able to get the continuing education they need to help local families in the most innovative ways."

Jacquelyn Wonder was an author and teacher who died earlier this year. Like most all NFP clients, she suffered poverty and deprivation as a child. The mother of three sons at 20 years-old, she overcame these obstacles, returned to school and earned her bachelors, masters and PhD degrees. She was also a teacher and international consultant specializing in adult learning styles, memory skills and managing change, as well as the author of three best-selling books. She and her husband, Jerry Conover, together are parents of seven successful children and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Jerry was one of the original founders of Invest in Kids and is founding The Jacquelyn Wonder Fund in memory of his late wife.

“Jacquelyn’s ongoing dedication to motivating young women to overcome hardship and live successful lives will be realized by giving direct grants to the clients and dedicated nurses who are the core of IIK’s evidence-based Nurse-Family Partnership program. Our family is very excited to be able to be part of these efforts,” said Jerry Conover.

IIK is currently accepting applications for requests from the Jacquelyn Wonder Fund. Requests will be accepted until the fund is depleted. Requests can be made via an application found [here](#).

Examples of unmet needs for families that the Jacquelyn Wonder Fund may fund include child-proofing safety items, car seats, high chairs, cribs, prenatal vitamins, GED courses & books, ESL classes and books, college tuition & books, computers or other needed supplies. Examples of unmet educational and professional needs for NFP nurses include tuition for Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Master of Science in Nursing (MSN), as well as certifications (i.e. IBLC or CLE).

About Invest in Kids:

Founded in 1998, Invest in Kids partners with communities to ensure all Colorado families have the tools they need to succeed. We currently implement two proven programs: Nurse-Family Partnership and The Incredible Years. Nurse-Family Partnership brings together highly-trained nurses and first-time moms living in poverty to improve their lives and create better futures for themselves and their babies. The Incredible Years trains teachers and parents about ways improve children’s social and emotional skills so they can succeed in school and life. Investing in these proven programs ensure that over 10,000 Colorado families annually have access to these critical supports. For more information visit www.IIK.org.

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