Preventing Family Violence in Loudoun County

INMED Partnerships for Children Receives Funding from Family and Children’s Trust Fund

Ashburn, VA, July 14, 2011 — INMED Partnerships for Children is pleased to announce that the Family and Children’s Trust Fund of Virginia (FACT) has approved $15,000 to prevent family violence and child abuse and neglect in Loudoun County through the MotherNet/Healthy Families Loudoun (MN/HFL) program.

Since 1994, INMED’s MN/HFL program has delivered education and support services to help vulnerable families gain and maintain stability—a role that takes on particular importance when the challenges of parenting are compounded by economic uncertainty. It provides first-time parents at risk for poor outcomes in child health, development and safety with intensive, long-term home visiting and case management services focused on building strong, resilient families.

The grant from FACT, which has invested 25 years in preventing and treating family violence in Virginia, will allow MN/HFL to address the root causes of family violence and child abuse. In addition to providing home visits and case management, INMED will provide parent education and support groups that address the sources of family stress and help parents learn coping techniques.

“For 17 years, INMED has worked hard to provide the programs that are needed most in our community, and that includes preparing parents to give their children the healthiest possible start in life,” said Dr. Linda Pfeiffer, president and CEO of INMED. “We are grateful to FACT for its generosity, and confident that this grant will allow us to rescue more children from the irreversible harms of abuse, neglect and family violence.”

To maximize the impact of the MN/HFL program, INMED is partnering with a wide range of community partners, including the Loudoun County Department of Family Services, Division of Child Protective Services; the Loudoun County Department of Public Health; Inova Loudoun Hospital, OB/GYN Hospitals of Loudoun; and the Infant and Toddler Connection of Loudoun, among others.

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About INMED Partnerships for Children—Since 1986, INMED Partnerships for Children has built alliances with public- and private-sector partners in more than 100 countries to rescue children from the immediate and irreversible harm of disease, hunger, abuse, neglect or violence, and to prepare them to shape a brighter future for themselves and the next generation. Through a broad range of health, social, education, violence prevention and community development programs, INMED is helping to create opportunities that inspire hope, build self-reliance and encourage collaboration to sustain positive change. For more information, visit www.inmed.org.

About the Family and Children’s Trust Fund—The Family and Children’s Trust Fund is administered by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor to raise and distribute funds to local communities for family violence prevention, treatment and public awareness throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.