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Bidwell Riverside Center Child Development Center Receives Funding from Great Western Bank

October 8th, 2020: Bidwell Riverside Center recently received Great Western Bank's Making Life Great Grant for \$2,500 to help fund the Child Development Center.

The Bidwell Riverside Child Development Center provides a comprehensive education and care program at an affordable price for children ages 2 to 5 years old in Des Moines, Iowa. Along with academic preparation, the children receive essential instruction and experiences related to social interaction, emotional development, and physical activity. The Bidwell Riverside Child Development Center served 99 children in 2019, and 71% of families received tuition relief through Bidwell Riverside Center or have qualified for childcare assistance through the Department of Human Services.

"We are very thankful to Great Western Bank for awarding the Bidwell Riverside Child Development Center their Making Life Great Grant. Funding like this is crucial to support our mission of empowering children, regardless of income or background, to be compassionate and able life-long learners by providing quality education and care," said Executive Director, Tim Shanahan.

About Bidwell Riverside Center: Bidwell Riverside Center is committed to a vision of a future where no one lives in poverty and every person has the opportunity for a positive future. Established in 1893 by a group of Methodist women dedicated to helping disadvantaged families, Bidwell has evolved into a secular organization seeking to build hope for a better future by providing support through two primary programs, a Food & Clothing Pantry and Child Development Center.

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