

## RHIP and COVID-19 MINI-GRANT PROJECT SUMMARIES

### COVID-19 Final Report for NeighborImpact (Non-RHIP) “Child Care Regional Emergency Fund”

#### Summary of Results:

- The project goal was to award mini grants to childcare programs across Central Oregon, with a focus on programs with barriers to accessing money provided by larger state or federal grants.
- The COHC dollars were used specifically to fund Crook and Jefferson providers, since there were city and county dollars available in Deschutes.
- The main activity accomplished was the distribution of mini grants to Crook and Jefferson providers struggling financially as a result of the pandemic.
- Checks were delivered to providers in person, rather than by mail. Providers were grateful for the financial support and each one expressed gratitude for being acknowledged.
- Many of the providers served by these dollars were feeling forgotten.
- The project resulted in hope for providers and a higher retention rate among those receiving mini grants.
- Children and families served by the providers receiving mini grants and less likely to find themselves seeking new childcare arrangements because of this money.

#### Quotes:

**"The Child Care Resource grant that I received from community donors helped tremendously during this difficult time. I have had to close twice due to COVID exposure and this money helped supplement my income loss. I was also able to use it to buy preschool curriculum for my children. I am very grateful, thank you!"**

**"The grant helped Happy Trails Preschool by making it possible for me to stay open due to the COVID 19 restrictions I have had to turn down many families from enrolling and it has hurt my business financially. The grant has also helped me with supplies and food for my students that are currently enrolled."**