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Celebree Supports Library and Early Literacy

Celebree Learning Centers presented a check for \$5,000 to Harford County Public Library on May 8th, 2008 in support of the Library's Summer Reading Program "Read To Me" that targets children age birth to five.

"Supporting the preschool summer reading program is directly in line with Celebree's values to protect, educate and nurture our children," stated Richard Huffman, Owner and President of Celebree Learning Centers. "It is our mission to educate children in our communities and to prepare them for kindergarten and educational success throughout their lifetime. We are thankful for this opportunity to partner with the Library in promoting the importance of reading, in motivating our children to want to read and getting them excited about reading."

Audra Caplan, Director of Harford County Public Library and Terence Hanley, Vice-President of the Harford County Public Library Foundation accepted the generous donation from Celebree Learning Centers. "Each year thousands of children in Harford County participate in and benefit from our Summer Reading Program," stated Audra Caplan. "Children who read throughout the summer maintain their reading skills and are better prepared for the new school year. We are grateful to have partners in the community like Celebree Learning Centers to help us promote summer reading."

The Office of the County Executive, David Craig, was represented by Aaron Tomarchio, Chief of Staff. County Executive David Craig was quoted as saying, “I applaud Celebree Learning Centers for giving back to their community by stepping up to the challenge in bringing reading opportunities to Harford’s children. Their support of the Library’s Summer Reading Program shows that public private partnerships produce great results.”

The Summer Reading Program, *Catch the Reading Bug*, begins on June 16th. Children can register at any of the Library’s 11 branches and each participant will receive a free gift when they register (while supplies last). You can go online to www.hcplonline.info for more information.

Celebree Learning Centers are premier providers of child care, preschool, and summer camp services. Privately owned and operated with headquarters in Harford County Maryland, Celebree Learning Centers are comprised of 18 community-based centers in Maryland and one in Delaware. Celebree serves more than 2,000 children and has a staff of approximately 550. A leader in quality child care, with the mission to protect, educate, and nurture children from ages 6 weeks to 12 years old, embraces the State of Maryland’s recommendation for Early Childhood Learning which is the Maryland Model for School Readiness and the State of Delaware’s Office of Child Care Licensing guidelines for ensuring safety and quality childcare. For more information, visit www.celebree.com.

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Photo caption: Celebree Learning Centers presents a check for \$5,000 to the Harford County Public Library in support of the Library’s “Read To Me” Summer Reading Program which focuses on reading to children from age birth to five. (from left to right) Aaron Tomarchio, Chief of Staff, Office of the County Executive; Audra Caplan, Director, Harford County Public Library; Terence Hanley, Vice-President, Harford County Public Library Foundation; Richard Huffman, Owner and President, Celebree Learning Centers; Detria Courtalis, Vice-President Operations, Celebree Learning Centers.