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**Collaborative for Children Receives More Than \$1 Million From Hess Corporation's Learning for Life Partnership**

*Funds support critical early childhood education program*

**HOUSTON (April XX, 2024)** – [Collaborative for Children](#) is pleased to announce that Hess Corporation (NYSE: HES) recently awarded the nonprofit \$318,270 as part of the Hess Learning for Life Partnership. To date, Collaborative for Children has received more than **\$1 million** through the Learning for Life Partnership.

Funds from the Learning for Life Partnership grants go toward expanding Collaborative for Children's [Centers of Excellence](#) program which helps address school readiness for Houston's most vulnerable children. The Centers of Excellence model supports child care providers by helping them nurture the skills in young children through age 5 that are essential to seizing the opportunities of the future. The aim is to give every child the opportunity for a bright future and also contribute to a sustainable workforce in Houston ready to address the challenges of the future.

Collaborative for Children seeks to establish sixty new **Centers of Excellence** in neighborhoods across the greater Houston area, to reach their goal of 125 centers by 2030.

"The generous contribution from Hess has profoundly influenced the Centers of Excellence in the Third Ward by bolstering educational resources, center equipment and STEAM technology," said **Dr. Melanie Johnson**, President and CEO of Collaborative for Children.

"All children deserve an opportunity to pursue their dreams," said **Greg Hill**, President and Chief Operating Officer of Hess. "With this partnership, we are supporting the needs of underserved children at every level of their development."

Announced in 2021, the Learning for Life Partnership is a \$9 million, three-year financial commitment by Hess to fund educational programs and support services for children in economically disadvantaged communities in Houston.

For information about Collaborative for Children, visit [collabforchildren.org](http://collabforchildren.org). For media inquiries, please contact **Lauren Santerre** at [lauren@likemindstalk.com](mailto:lauren@likemindstalk.com).

### **ABOUT COLLABORATIVE FOR CHILDREN**

Collaborative for Children is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of early childhood education and care for children in Greater Houston. Through innovative programs and community partnerships, Collaborative for Children helps Houston-area students have access to high-quality early learning opportunities.

### **ABOUT HESS**

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