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### Little City Receives Grant from Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT) Foundation

July 12, 2016 — Palatine, IL — The MDRT Foundation recently awarded a \$2,000 grant to Little City to provide preventative oral health care and nutrition services to youth with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Through its grants programs, the Foundation is committed to building stronger families and communities around the globe. This year, the MDRT Foundation will award nearly \$1 million in member-endorsed grants to more than 100 charitable organizations worldwide.



*Left to Right: Edward Hockfield, Chief Development Officer, Little City; Carrie Carnaghi, Grants Manager, Little City; Representing the MDRT Foundation, ShirleyAnn M. Robertson, CLTC, Financial Professional at Robertson & Robertson Financial Services; Shawn E. Jeffers, Executive Director, Little City.*

Little City's Oral Health and Nutrition Programs are holistic and proactive in their approach to dental care, nutrition and the promotion of optimum health. Little City has provided onsite health and wellness services since 2010.

“Oral health is a vital component to one’s overall wellness,” said Shawn Jeffers, Executive Director of Little City, “Ironically, it’s one of the most challenging medical issues for individuals with disabilities. We are most grateful that the MDRT Foundation realizes the importance of our program and has contributed to its ongoing success.”

The Oral Health Program was established to provide individuals with disabilities the dental care they need offered by professionals who are trained to work with the special needs population. Desensitization services help prepare participants for trips to the dentist and nutrition instruction helps create a healthier life.



### **About the MDRT Foundation**

The MDRT Foundation was created in 1959 to provide MDRT members with a means to give back to their communities. Since its inception, the Foundation has donated more than \$30 million in more than 70 countries throughout the world and in all 50 U.S. states. These funds were raised by MDRT members and industry partners. For more information, visit [www.mdrtfoundation.org](http://www.mdrtfoundation.org).

### **About MDRT**

Founded in 1927, the Million Dollar Round Table (MDRT), The Premier Association of Financial Professionals®, is a global, independent association of more than 43,000 of the world's leading life insurance and financial services professionals from more than 500 companies in 67 countries. MDRT members demonstrate exceptional professional knowledge, strict ethical conduct and outstanding client service. MDRT membership is recognized internationally as the standard of excellence in the life insurance and financial services business. For more information, visit [www.mdrt.org](http://www.mdrt.org).

### **About Little City**

For more than 50 years, Little City Foundation has developed innovative and personalized programs to fully assist and empower children and adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. With a commitment to attaining a greater quality of life for Illinois' most vulnerable citizens, Little City actively promotes choice, person-centered planning and a holistic approach to health and wellness. Little City's ChildBridge Services include in-home personal and family supports, clinical and behavior intervention, 24/7 residential services and special needs foster care and adoption. Little City's LifePath Adult Services offers a variety of residential options, employment opportunities, home-based services, case management, day supports, Special Olympics, an award-winning Center for the Arts and more. The organization is an open, therapeutic 56-acre community located in Palatine, Illinois, with offices in Schaumburg and Chicago. Visit [www.littlecity.org](http://www.littlecity.org).

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