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PNC Foundation dedicates Music Garden in Elizabethtown

ELIZABETHTOWN, KY (Oct. 2, 2019) – Children in Central Kentucky can now create a soundtrack to their learning experience with a newly dedicated PNC Music Garden in Elizabethtown.

The learning-through-play experience is thanks to a nearly \$50,000 grant from the PNC Foundation's Grow Up Great initiative to Central Kentucky Community Foundation. The PNC Music Garden includes multiple colorful musical instruments and art features in a fully accessible space where art, music and nature come together in perfect harmony.

Donna Fohl's 17-month-old grandson Duke was bouncing between the instruments at the Music Garden. She said Duke took interest in the drums.

"You have exposure to music, play, reading and books all in one location," she said about the Music Garden's proximity to the Hardin County Public Library. "Developmentally, it's what they need, and it's free."

The Music Garden is the latest commitment from the PNC Foundation to early childhood learning opportunities in the Central Kentucky region. The Grow Up Great® program, a bilingual \$500 million, multi-year initiative to help prepare children from birth to age 5 for success in school and life, also helps fund Get Ready! Camp, a free summer learning program through CKCF for children from birth to age 5, and other initiatives. To date, the Grow Up Great program has served more than 2 million children.

"We believe every child has a right to build priceless childhood memories through play," said Chuck Denny, PNC regional president for Louisville. "We are dedicated to working with Central Kentucky Community Foundation to provide enriching opportunities for preschoolers to explore and discover the world around them."

The PNC Music Garden was dedicated Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019, with representatives from PNC and Central Kentucky Community Foundation along with early childhood education and community leaders on hand for the brief ceremony. It is located at CKCF's Home of Philanthropy in Elizabethtown, next to the Hardin County Public Library, at 200 Jim Owen Drive. Children also enjoyed free Kona Ice after the ceremony.

"Learning is music to our ears," said Davette B. Swiney, Central Kentucky Community Foundation president and CEO. "The PNC Foundation's Grow Up Great has always been a wonderful partner for our early childhood education programs. This Music Garden is yet another example of PNC's commitment to early learning and our community. We can't thank them enough for their help in bringing this unique feature to the Central Kentucky region."

The PNC Music Garden was designed by Chris Fry from Play Pros of Kentucky and Indiana formerly Countryside Play Structures. An exclusive Landscape Structures dealer and authorized installer. Play Pros dedicates most of their time and efforts to inclusive play.

"We believe every child has a right to build priceless memories of childhood through play," said Fry.



The PNC Music Garden is now open and ready for play.

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About The PNC Foundation

The PNC Foundation, which receives its principal funding from The PNC Financial Services Group (www.pnc.com), actively supports organizations that provide services for the benefit of communities in which it has a significant presence. The foundation focuses its philanthropic mission on early childhood education and community and economic development, which includes the arts and culture. Through Grow Up Great, its signature cause that began in 2004, PNC has created a bilingual \$500 million multi-year initiative to help prepare children from birth to age 5 for success in school and life. For more information, visit <http://www.pncgrowupgreat.com>.

About Central Kentucky Community Foundation

Central Kentucky Community Foundation is the philanthropic focal point in the region, serving as a resource, leader and catalyst to people who wish to improve life in their community. For more about CKCF, go to ckcf4people.org.