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PLAINFIELD TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT WEEK

Plainfield, New Jersey - On Wednesday, April 5, 2023 the City of Plainfield will gather at Toddler Learning Center (422 East Sixth Street) to celebrate National Community Development Week as Mayor Adrian O. Mapp issues a proclamation declaring the month of April “National Community Development Month” in the City of Plainfield, New Jersey. Following this proclamation, the children of Toddler Learning Center will perform “Three Little Birds” by Bob Marley for their guests followed by a tour of the Toddler Learning Center.

Toddler Learning Center was established in 1979 and is one of several nonprofits serving low to moderate income families in the City of Plainfield. The center has been a beneficiary of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program for over twenty-five (25) years and has received more than \$125K in grant investments to supplement teacher salaries and building funds to bring the building up to code standard.

The objective of National Community Development Week is to educate Congressional members on the importance of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), its impact and the need for increased program funding as well as raising awareness by demonstrating the significance of the CDBG program and its impact at the grassroots level.

“The Community Development Block Grant is vital for urban communities like Plainfield. Without these funds, several organizations like the Toddler Learning Center would not be able to provide families with incredibly important services such as the child care necessary for parents to be able to work,” responded Mayor Mapp when questioned about the importance of the Community Development Block Grant. “I hope our congressional members will continue to support and increase the funding for CDBG so organizations can continue to provide residents with the services, education, and quality care they require.”

Join us as state and local dignitaries, families, and guests congratulate Toddler Learning Center for the forty-three (43) years of service to the community and salute National Community Development Week for championing the impact of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program that has benefited the community for over 40 years.

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The City of Plainfield, also known by its iconic nickname "The Queen City," is 153 years old, home to a population of 54,586 individuals. The City of Plainfield is the third-largest city in Union County. The current mayor of the beautiful Queen City is Mayor Adrian O. Mapp, serving a historic, consecutive third term. For more information on the City of Plainfield, visit online at www.plainfieldnj.gov, www.facebook.com/cityofplainfieldnj, Instagram at [@cityofplainfieldnj](https://www.instagram.com/cityofplainfieldnj), and Twitter at [@cityofplainfld](https://twitter.com/cityofplainfld).