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## **Foundation gives \$10,000 to center**

The Grand Victoria Foundation recently awarded Kids Hope United with a \$10,000 grant to support general operations of the Elgin Child & Family Resource Center, at 210 National St.

The Elgin Child & Family Resource Center supports families by providing accessible, affordable, high-quality child care through the Elgin Day Care Center. Prekindergarten care is available for qualifying children in partnership with Elgin School District U46. The center serves more than 200 children, of which 98 percent are eligible for state subsidies.

"By providing safe, reliable and quality care, our qualified staff helps ease the stress of parenting, allowing children to better learn and grow," said Jimmie H. Smith, executive director of Kids Hope United.

Smith said the grant will go toward staff salaries and training, including prekindergarten academic enhancement training, first aid, CPR, health and nutrition, and multilingual teaching.

"The foundation recognizes that general operating support is key to an organization's ability to carry out its mission, and we're delighted to once again partner with Kids Hope United as a follow up to our core grant in 2004 toward the construction of the new center," said Toya Randall, director of Elgin programs for Grand Victoria Foundation.

Kids Hope United has provided a multitude of counseling, teen runaway and child abuse services in the Elgin area since 1984.

Kids Hope United opened the Elgin Child & Family Resource Center in 2004.