

## **Seton Hill University**

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### **Seton Hill University Child Development Center to Dedicate Jamie Cordial Hall Memorial Musical Playground on March 21**

**What:** The Seton Hill University Child Development Center (CDC) will dedicate a new musical playground in memory of Jamie Cordial Hall, a former CDC student and parent of a current student, who died suddenly in May 2018. Parents of CDC students and the Jamie Cordial Hall Foundation provided the funding for the playground.

**When:** Thursday, March 21, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** Seton Hill University Child Development Center (CDC), Seton Hill's hilltop campus.

**Who:** Participating in the dedication will be Seton Hill Provost Susan Yochum, SC, Ph.D.; Dr. Kathleen Harris, Dean of the School of Education and Applied Social Sciences; CDC Director Maria Stone and Lead Teacher Brooke Leechalk; members of Jamie Cordial Hall's family; CDC students and families; and Seton Hill education students.

**Background:** Jamie Cordial Hall was a native of Greensburg who attended the Seton Hill Child Development Center as a preschooler. Her daughter, Chloe, attends the CDC and her mother, Michele Cordial, has been a volunteer at the school for more than 20 years. Jamie died suddenly on May 15, 2018 from a postpartum hemorrhage five weeks after giving birth to her son, Cody.

In response to the tragedy, CDC families wanted to do something at the facility to honor Jamie's memory. Funds began being raised to purchase a musical playground that would bring the joy of music to current and future CDC students. At the same time, members of Jamie's family, including her parents Dale and Michele Cordial; brothers Chad, Nicholas and Jason Cordial; and sister-in-law Krista Cordial, started

the Jamie Cordial Hall Foundation to help children and others in need in Greensburg and the surrounding areas.

Thanks to the generosity of CDC families and friends as well as the Jamie Cordial Hall Foundation, Seton Hill's CDC will dedicate the Jamie Cordial Hall Memorial Musical Playground.

The musical playground from Freenotes Harmony Park includes three permanent instruments that are designed to be outdoors and bring students joy through musical expression. The playground will help to increase creativity and provide cognitive, social and emotional benefits for CDC students.

### **About the Jamie Cordial Hall Foundation**

The Jamie Cordial Hall Foundation is a nonprofit charitable foundation established in 2018 in memory of Jamie Cordial Hall. The mission of the foundation is to help children who have lost their parents and support others in need in Greensburg, Pennsylvania and surrounding areas. The foundation's initial gifts have provided Easter baskets to children battling illnesses as part of the Easter for Eli basket drive as well as diapers, newborn sleepers and other children's clothes to Birthright of Greensburg to help new mothers in need. For more information about the Foundation, visit [www.jchfoundation.com](http://www.jchfoundation.com).

### **About the Seton Hill University Child Development Center**

The Seton Hill University Child Development Center is a preschool for 3, 4 and 5-year-old children on the university's campus, which was established in 1951. Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the Seton Hill CDC allows preschoolers to have fun while developing invaluable social skills and creating a foundation for learning in science, art, math, language arts, music and movement. Under the direction of professional staff, Seton Hill students earning degrees in education work with the preschool students and focus on the promotion of the total development of the children. For more information, visit [www.cdc.setonhill.edu](http://www.cdc.setonhill.edu).