PARENT TRUST Receives $15,000 from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing Puget Sound in support of our Technology Access Program

For Immediate Release:

Seattle, June 17, 2021 — Parent Trust for Washington Children is delighted to announce that we have received $15,000 in funding from the Employees Community Fund of Boeing (ECF). These funds will allow us to continue to bring vital technology (computers and hotspots) and critical parenting education and support to high-risk families all around the Puget Sound.

“With committed community partners like Boeing’s Puget Sound ECF we can continue to reach parents who need help today through our Technology Access Program,” says Linda McDaniels, Executive Director of Parent Trust, “This funding is an investment in child abuse prevention that will keep the pandemic from hurting our most vulnerable families for decades to come.”

Even with vaccines available and social distancing requirements easing, families with low income remain extremely vulnerable to the immediate threat of the virus and to the pandemic’s longer term financial and social fallout. Moving parents across the digital divide is crucial.

At Parent Trust, we specialize in breaking down barriers for underserved populations -- parents recovering from substance addiction, parents with low income and parents who lived through child abuse and neglect as children; families who often fall through the cracks.

• Our Family Help Line is listed at https://coronavirus.wa.gov/. We provide immediate parent coaching, training, and referrals specifically to prevent child abuse/neglect and keep families strong. We are the WA State number for Prevent Child Abuse America.

• Our Families in Recovery Programs meet online to provide support and education to parents who are recovering from chemical addiction and are fighting to stay in recovery despite the challenges created by the pandemic.

• Our Technology Access Program brings computers and hotspots to expectant and new parents with low income – providing critical access to all our parenting supports, including our Great Starts and Conscious Fathering classes as well as other vital basic services.

• Our Developmental Screening Program operates virtually, help families catch developmental delays early, and providing interactive, real-time coaching to parents. We also screen parents for postpartum depression/anxiety, which has increased during the pandemic.

About Parent Trust:

Raising kids is a big job. At Parent Trust, we meet families where they are, when they need us, throughout their parenting journey. Our programs include a parent coaching call-in line, developmental screenings, childbirth and new parent classes, parenting groups, stress reduction training for families, and support groups for parents recovering from substance addiction.

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