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**Toledo Community Foundation's Oswald Supporting
Organization Awards Grant to Center of Hope Family Services, Inc.**

TOLEDO, OHIO, June 27, 2016 – The Board of Trustees of the Oswald Supporting Organization of the Toledo Community Foundation has approved a grant to Center of Hope Family Services in the amount of **\$17,148**. These funds will be used to support the Engage, Learn, Empower, Volunteer, Achieve, Teach, Enrich (ELEVATE) 21st Century Community Learning Center at Old Orchard Elementary. Through its comprehensive after school program, ELEVATE has improved student reading and math performance since 2013.

The Oswald Supporting Organization grant will be used to support student access to technology, parent/family outreach, and additional enrichment opportunities that increase student/family engagement. “The ELEVATE program is an example of a data driven intervention that increases academic performance and fosters positive youth development. The Oswald Supporting Organization funds will assist us in our continuous efforts to engage parents, to ensure that youth and families with an identified need are able to access us as a resource. These funds will increase student access to technology, which is critical in promoting academic excellence,” according to Tracee Perryman, PhD, Executive Director.

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“The Oswald Supporting Organization has a particular interest in providing grants to support projects or programs that promote the advancement, self-sufficiency and intellectual, social and emotional growth of families and, in particular, children of all ages,” states Keith Burwell, president of Toledo Community Foundation. “This grant fits their mission and provides hope for a lot of families in northwest Ohio.”

Toledo Community Foundation, Inc. is a public charitable organization created by citizens of our community to enrich the quality of life for individuals and families in our area. In existence since 1973, the Foundation has more than 720 funds with assets of approximately \$224 million. The Foundation provides philanthropic services for individuals, families, businesses and corporations to meet their charitable giving needs. For more information on the Foundation, visit the organization’s website at www.toledocf.org or follow them on Facebook.

Center of Hope Family Services’ mission is to improve life outcomes among individuals and families living in urban settings. The agency provides an array of services including academic enrichment, juvenile re-entry, workforce development, and family support. Center of Hope Family Services is accepting donations to continue its youth development and adult/family support services. For more information on Center of Hope, or how you can support its community efforts, visit the organization’s website at www.cohfs.org, or contact Dr. Tracee Perryman at 419-861-4400.

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