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IWCS Partners with Obici Healthcare Foundation on Early Childhood Education Initiative

Isle of Wight Co, VA – November 5, 2018: The Obici Healthcare Foundation announced at its Symposium on October 31, 2018, a commitment to improving the quality of young children’s preschool experiences. The goal of the new early childhood educational initiative is a partnership between the Obici Healthcare Foundation and the University of Virginia for young children in local school divisions in Western Tidewater, including Isle of Wight County Schools. The Foundation will invest \$1,000,000 in over 50 preschool classrooms, leveraging statewide-appropriated funds so children will have improved access to quality early childhood education. This will include a specialized curriculum, along with professional development for preschool teachers and administrators, and other supports for implementing the initiative beginning this fall.

“This is an incredible an opportunity to support our efforts in creating high quality experiences for our preschool students,” said Dr. Jim Thornton, Superintendent of Isle of Wight County Schools. “The resources and professional development we will receive through this partnership will better prepare our youngest learners for success in school.”

About OHF

The Obici Healthcare Foundation is a private foundation established in 2006 from the sale of Louise Obici Memorial Hospital to Sentara Healthcare. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded over \$46 million in grant funding. For additional information, visit www.Obicihcf.org or call 757-539-8810.

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