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## **KidsPeace Receives \$50,000 Grant from Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation for Library at Graham Lake Campus**

**ELLSWORTH, ME (April 18, 2017)** - KidsPeace announced today that it has received a \$50,000 grant from the Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation to establish a new library facility on its Graham Lake Residential Campus in Ellsworth, ME.

The award was the result of a grant application. It will provide materials and equipment for the KidsPeace Graham Lake Library for Youth in Need of Hope and Healing, as part of KidsPeace's Graham Lake School.

KidsPeace serves more than 100 children a year in Maine through residential and outpatient programs at Graham Lake and educational programs in Greenbush and East Millinocket. The programs include special education, day treatment for ASD youth, residential therapeutic care, clinical services, occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech pathology, nursing, psychiatric treatment, physiological care, behavioral health and case management.

KidsPeace notes that access to high-quality library materials and media collections - including print, hardware and software, online databases, production equipment and adaptive resources - help enhance the educational experience for students with special needs and develop a love for learning. With the King Foundation grant, the organization will develop a library that will foster learning activities and give students the ability to select, retrieve, analyze, evaluate, create and communicate literary information in all formats and in all content areas of the curriculum.

The library will be established in an existing classroom facility at the Graham Lake Campus.

The Stephen & Tabitha King Foundation was created in 1986 to provide support for Maine communities, with an interest in projects that address the underlying causes of social and environmental problems, as well as those that address the consequences, with a strong interest in literacy, community services and the arts. For more information, visit [www.stkfoundation.org](http://www.stkfoundation.org).

*For 135 years, KidsPeace has been building on its expertise to give hope, help and healing to children, families and communities throughout the United States. Through its comprehensive range of residential treatment programs; accredited educational services; unique psychiatric hospital and foster care and community-based programs, KidsPeace is dedicated to helping people connect, transform and overcome their challenges to ensure a stable future, transition to adulthood and gain independence. Since its doors opened in 1882, more than 200,000 children have participated in one of the multitude of programs KidsPeace offers.*

*For additional resources or more information on how to get involved, become a foster parent or make a donation, please visit [www.kidspeace.org](http://www.kidspeace.org). Follow us at [www.facebook.com/kidspeace.org](https://www.facebook.com/kidspeace.org) or on Twitter @KidsPeace.*

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