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CINCINNATI – The Children’s Home has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the L&L Nippert Charitable Foundation to support the nonprofit agency’s new pediatric mental health urgent care program.

The Foundation announced the award December 14.

The pediatric mental health urgent care program was launched in the late summer and is the first of its kind in the region.

“We’ve had families from as far as Dayton and surrounding areas make the trip to access this kind of care,” said Debbie Gingrich, chief clinical officer of The Children’s Home. “Think of this as an urgent care solely specializing in mental and behavioral health for children. We help families through crisis situations that are causing significant distress.”

“We’re grateful for the L&L Nippert Charitable Foundation’s support in recognizing our continuing efforts in combatting rising mental health needs among vulnerable youth,” said John Banchy, president and CEO of The Children’s Home. “About 60 percent of our nation’s youth who need mental health treatment receive no help. Many of those who do get treated are treated inadequately. This grant will help in addressing some of these gaps.”

Gingrich said that while every child is different, some common areas that indicate urgency could be

- Child is terribly upset and unable to calm
- Excessive crying
- Family distress
- Temper outburst
- Suicidal ideation, without plan
- Loss/grief
- Intense relationship challenges



The Pediatric Mental Health Urgent Care program is reachable by calling 513-527-3040 and is open Mon-Fri, 3 – 10 p.m. The clinic is located at 5051 Duck Creek Road in Cincinnati.

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