

The Center for  
**Children's Health**  
led by Cook Children's

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To Whom It May Concern:

Hood County for Healthy Children, led by Cook Children's, is pleased to provide this letter of support and commitment as Lake Pointe Academy seeks funding to enhance and continue their efforts to help children master the academic, social and emotional skills they need to learn, grow and excel. Lake Pointe's emphasis on helping children overcome serious challenges to learning aligns with and advances Hood County for Healthy Children's vision to help develop a community where children are safe, secure, healthy, and have a strong sense of self-worth.

As a community-based coalition, Hood County for Healthy Children's strategic plan is informed by Hood County-specific data and its community partners. Initiated in 2008 and updated in 2012 and 2015, Cook Children's rigorously collects data through its Community-wide Children's Health Assessment and Planning Survey (CCHAPS) on the child health issues affecting children, ages 0-14, in Denton, Hood, Johnson, Parker, Tarrant and Wise Counties.

In the context of the aligned focus on children's wellness by Lake Pointe and Hood County for Healthy Children, this CCHAPS 2015 data is informative because, in Hood County:

- About 6% of children regularly exhibit problematic social behaviors;
- About 8% of parents have been told by a doctor of healthcare professional that their child has a developmental delay;
- 9% of parents report that their child has behavioral or emotional problems outside of what they consider typical for a child his or her age, and 7% have developmental problems outside of what is considered typical;
- 14% of Hood County children have experienced academic problems at school;
- 16% children have experienced self-esteem problems; and
- 20% received assistance for a mental illness or a behavioral, emotional or developmental problem.

With this many Hood County children in need of support services, it is more important than ever for Lake Pointe Academy to continue supporting children struggling with issues such as attention/sensory, communication/language, and emotional/behavioral difficulties.

Lake Pointe is a valued member of Hood County for Healthy Children and an important community partner. On behalf of the Hood County children whose health and well-being we are committed to support, we look forward to continuing to collaborate with Lake Pointe Academy to innovate new community strategies and evidence-informed services for children and families.

Sincerely,



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