



FRS Awards TWO Grants to NNTC Customers!

Butte Nursing Home & Assisted Living Facilities



NNTC GM Pat McElroy (right) presents a \$5,000 check to Cindy Schroetlin with the Community of Butte Development Corporation last month. Also pictured are NNTC Butte Combo Tech Dean Fischer and Assisted Living Administrator Anita Mathine.

"It was devastating to have it gone," Assisted Living Administrator Anita Mathine, shared while holding back tears, "and we're so thrilled to get it back."

A few months ago, the Butte Assisted Living and Nursing Home abruptly closed, leaving dozens of residents, family members, employees, and community members shocked.

"All our loved ones were shipped off someplace else. It just left a big void, and

nobody knew it was even coming. We just knew we needed to open it back up," said Cindy Schroetlin with the Community of Butte Development Corporation.

The Village of Butte purchased the buildings and secured 36 bed permits from the state. Forty volunteers have since spent hundreds of hours getting the Assisted Living Center ready to reopen, with a target date set for the end of this month.

"The ones who have been volunteering have either had loved ones here or have worked here for a long time, so it's been personal for everybody who has come in and volunteered their hours, and it's been hundreds of hours," said Schroetlin.

The pair also knew they needed to replace big-ticket items that the previous owner had removed from the buildings, such as a commercial grade cookstove.

Thanks to the Foundation for Rural Service Community Grant opportunity, in conjunction with NNTC, that stove is about to become a reality.

*Take tours of the renovated Assisted Living Center in Butte and of Brain Builders in Stuart (see Page 2) on our YouTube channel! Or find both tours on our Facebook page.



The Assisted Living Center can be seen behind the new Butte Community Sign, at the conjunction of Highways 11 & 12.



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Brain Builders Childcare Center in Stuart

"Outdoor play is essential to children's growth and development, promoting physical health, imagination, problem-solving, social skills, and emotional well-being," said Brain Builders Childcare Director Kylie Coyle.

Brain Builders Childcare Center in Stuart opened in May of this year, providing a much-needed service to the community.

Coyle says the goal of the non-profit childcare center was to open as quickly as possible to support local families. Initial financial focus was directed toward the building, staffing, and licensing, but now they're able to turn their attention to the next critical need: a safe and engaging playground.

"Thanks to the FRS funds, we will be able to place a swing set right here next to our childcare center," Coyle explained.

Along with the playground, Brain Builders features a multi-purpose room, a kitchen, an infant room, a toddler room, an occupational therapy room, a preschool, and a "playschool."

Coyle says there's about \$12,000 left to raise for the \$55,000 playground project.



NNTC GM Pat McElroy presents a \$5,000 check to Brain Builders Childcare Center in Stuart last month. Pictured left to right are: Director Kylie Coyle, Wellness and Development Judy Dvorak, Toddlers Maverick and Phoenix and far right is Stuart Combo Tech Dale Kolker.



The new swing set will be placed in the area of the tires in front of Brain Builders Childcare Center.



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