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**The Primo Center Among First to Receive Bezos Day 1 Families Fund Grant**  
***Jeff and MacKenzie Bezos donate \$97.5 million to 24 nonprofits across the U.S. working on family homelessness***

**CHICAGO – November 20, 2018:** The Primo Center is pleased to announce it has been selected to receive a \$2.5 million grant from the Day 1 Families Fund to boost the organization’s programs focused on families experiencing homelessness. Funding from this grant will support new after-school programs, financial literacy services for residents, and employment training in four locations.

The Primo Center will also focus on developing supports necessary for families to become more independent during and after shelter.

“This grant is transformational for the Primo Center,” said Christine Achre, CEO. “Funding from the Day 1 Families Fund allows the Primo Center to provide basic immediate resources to families most in need, while allowing the agency to further increase its long-standing impact on families experiencing homelessness. We are truly humbled and proud to be given this award.”

The Primo Center is one of 24 nonprofits to receive the first Day 1 Families Fund grants, totaling \$97.5 million. Recipients from around the country include: Abode Services, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Miami, Catholic Community Services of Western Washington, Community of Hope, Community Rebuilders, Crossroads Rhode Island, District Alliance for Safe Housing (DASH), Emerald Development & Economic Network (EDEN) Inc., FrontLine Service, Hamilton Families, Heartland Family Service, Housing Families First, JOIN, LA Family Housing (LAFH), Northern Virginia Family Service (NVFS), Primo Center for Women and Children, Refugee Women’s Alliance (ReWA), SEARCH Homeless Services, Simpson Housing Services, The Salvation Army of Greater Charlotte, The Salvation Army of Greater Houston, UMOM New Day Centers and Urban Resource Institute (URI).

Founded by Jeff and MacKenzie Bezos, the Bezos Day One Fund consists of two programs: the Day 1 Families Fund that provides grants to nonprofit organizations fighting homelessness, and the Day 1 Academies Fund that will fund and build a network of pre-schools in low-income communities across the country. The Day 1 Families Fund’s vision comes from the inspiring Mary’s Place in Seattle: no child should sleep outside. A small group of expert advisors provided input to the Bezos Day One Fund team to select these organizations. The Day 1 Families Fund will be awarding grants annually. For more information, visit [www.BezosDayOneFund.org/Day1FamiliesFund](http://www.BezosDayOneFund.org/Day1FamiliesFund).

**About The Primo Center**

Established in 1978, the Primo Center is Chicago’s largest provider of family shelter and supportive services, touching more than 700 parents and children annually. To learn more, visit [PrimoCenter.org](http://PrimoCenter.org).

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