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**First In Families of North Carolina Awarded Durham Cerebral Palsy
Foundation Fund Grant through Triangle Community Foundation**

Grant funding will be used for individuals with cerebral palsy or other neuromuscular disorders ages 18 and under who live in any of NC's 100 counties.

Durham, NC (March 8, 2018) –First In Families of North Carolina has been awarded a \$15,000 grant from the Durham Cerebral Palsy Foundation Fund through Triangle Community Foundation. The funding is available to provide direct family support for children ages 18 and under living with Cerebral Palsy or other neuromuscular disorders throughout all 100 counties of North Carolina.

FIFNC has 22 years of history providing support to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families and is often the agency of last resort for critical support requests such as for ramps, medical devices not covered by insurance, communications devices, therapy, respite and requests for basic needs such as food, gas to doctors' appointment and accessibility equipment and household furniture.

“We are so pleased to partner with the Durham Cerebral Palsy Foundation and Triangle Community Foundation to support more families through this funding,” said Betsy MacMichael, FIFNC Executive Director. “We know that families are the experts on their needs, and that often those needs are not or cannot currently be met by public services, and that is where FIF can help.”

Families who have a child in the household under the age of 18 with Cerebral Palsy or another neuromuscular disability can learn more about the Durham Cerebral Palsy foundation funding by contacting a FIFNC chapter directly.

FIFNC provides support to over 2,500 individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities and their families and their families throughout all 100 counties of North Carolina. To request assistance from your local Chapter visit www.fifnc.org or contact info@fifnc.org.

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About First In Families of North Carolina

First In Families of North Carolina helps people with disabilities and their families to **believe** in their dreams **achieve** their goals, **connect** in their communities and **give back** to others.

First In Families is led by the community it serves, and strives to meet the self-defined needs of individuals with disabilities by leveraging private donations, foundation grants and public funding through local partnerships and community investment. The goal is to promote inclusion and reciprocity for all individuals and maximize the gifts of our diverse population.

FIFNC is a private not-for-profit NC corporation whose governing board consists of a majority of people with developmental disabilities or their family members. FIFNC was incorporated in 2001 and obtained its 501(c)3 status in 2003. For more information, visit www.fifnc.org.