

PRESS RELEASE:

LAUNCH LEARNING CLINIC RECEIVES PILOT INTERNATIONAL GRANT

Manhattan, KS - Launch Learning Clinic, located in Manhattan, KS, is a program serving children with reading disabilities such as dyslexia. The clinic has been chosen to receive a \$2500 matching grant from the Pilot International Founders Fund, Macon, GA. An affiliate of Flint Hills Neuropsychology, Launch Learning Clinic was opened in Manhattan KS in May 2021. The purpose of the Clinic is to serve children with learning disabilities related to reading. To date, they have provided over 6800 hours of evidence based reading intervention to 126 students in three states and internationally. Students are instructed both in-person and virtually.

This new grant will be used to expand the Clinic's program into working with children with learning disabilities in math such as dyscalculia. The Clinic will use Marilyn Zecher's Multisensory Math curriculum which is a structured and sequenced program using manipulatives to help children better understand and visualize/internalize math concepts and numeracy. This type of instruction goes beyond tutoring; it is a form of remediation designed to meet the needs of neurodivergent students.

There is a great need for this type of service in Manhattan as well as surrounding areas. According to data reported to KSDE, the average elementary school in Manhattan has approximately 20% of students who are identified as showing a limited ability to understand and use the mathematics skills and knowledge needed to be academically prepared for postsecondary success.

The Sunflower Pilot Club of Manhattan, chartered in 1994, submitted the grant request on behalf of the Launch Learning Clinic and matched the Founder's Club grant of \$2500. The goal of Pilot International is to promote and create awareness for persons with brain disorders and disabilities. Sunflower Pilot Club is active in Manhattan and surrounding communities in supporting this goal. The mission and purpose of the Launch Learning Clinic mirrors both the local and international initiative.

To learn more about the Launch Learning Clinic, go to their website at <https://flinthillsneuropsych.com>. You may also email them at launch@flinthills.neuropsych.com. For additional information about Pilot Club, go to their website at www.pilotinternational.org.

Information about Sunflower Pilot Club may be found on Facebook at Sunflower Pilot Club Manhattan.