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**Feeding Matters awarded Thunderbirds Charities Grant**

Funds will support Feeding Matters’ Family Support Program

PHOENIX, Ariz. (August 13, 2020) – Arizona-based nonprofit [Feeding Matters](http://www.feedingmatters.org/) – the first organization in the world dedicated to advancing the research, identification, and collaborative care of pediatric feeding disorder – has received a support grant from Thunderbirds Charities, the charitable giving arm of the Thunderbirds – hosts of the Waste Management Phoenix Open. The grant will support Feeding Matters’ life-changing Family Support program.

Families navigating pediatric feeding disorders often feel isolated and overwhelmed with the medical, emotional, financial, educational, and social issues they face. Feeding Matters’ Family Support Program provides direct services to families of children with PFD, offering invaluable, life-changing support for these fragile families whose children frequently face barriers to timely, comprehensive, quality, and coordinated care.

"Families are empowered to be their child’s best advocate because of the nurturing and support they receive through the Family Support program,” adds Feeding Matters CEO Jaclyn Pederson. “Thanks to the ongoing support of organizations like Thunderbirds Charities, this life-changing program will continue to expand to support the growing need of families struggling pediatric feeding disorders.”

Thunderbirds Charities is a non-profit organization formed in 1986 to distribute monies raised through the Waste Management Phoenix Open golf tournament. The Thunderbirds Charities Board consists of 15 board members from varying professional backgrounds. The mission of Thunderbirds Charities is to assist children and families, help people in need and improve the quality of life in our communities. The organization’s giving is directed toward organizations based or with a significant presence in Arizona. For more information on Thunderbirds Charities, visit [www.thunderbirdscharities.org](http://www.thunderbirdscharities.org).

**About Feeding Matters**

For kids with pediatric feeding disorders, every bite of food can be painful, scary, or impossible, potentially impeding nutrition, development, growth, and overall well-being. That’s why Feeding Matters is dedicated to creating a world where children with pediatric feeding disorders will thrive. Founded in 2006, Feeding Matters is the first organization in the world devoted to accelerating identification, igniting research, promoting collaborative care, and encouraging awareness and understanding for pediatric feeding disorders.

To learn more about pediatric feeding disorders, visit [feedingmatters.org](http://www.feedingmatters.org) or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube at [@FeedingMatters](http://www.twitter.com/feedingmatters).