



## Press Release

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### “Groundbreaking of Space to Thrive in Windham, Maine”

Windham, Maine – Space to Thrive, known as Windham Raymond SACC, and Great Falls Construction will celebrate the groundbreaking of the new early childhood education center on Tuesday, February 11th at 4:15PM, located at the site of 184 Pope Road, Windham, Maine. This event is open to the public and will include remarks by Space to Thrive leadership. The building will be approximately 6,000 square feet and will include infant, toddler, and preschool classrooms as well as a multipurpose conference room, and supporting spaces. Outdoor space will be designed to encourage children’s natural wonder and curiosity. With an eye on sustainability, the facility will be built to have as minimal environmental impact as possible.

Space to Thrive’s mission is *to provide every child positive and accessible experiences that nurture development*. This new facility is crucial in expanding that mission to encompass early childhood, in addition to the program’s rich history of providing before and after school care.

“We are grateful for the State of Maine Child Care Infrastructure Grant, as well as financial backing through Coastal Enterprises, Inc. Without these programs, this facility would not exist,” said Executive Director, Hannah Marshall. “We understand the financial burden child care places on families, and we will continue to seek funding sources to support quality care while minimizing impact on families.”

According to the most recent census data, Windham, Maine has a population of approximately 19,658 residents. The town has seen a population growth of



6.7% since the 2020 census. This growing community includes many young families in need of quality childcare and preschool services.

The Windham/Raymond School Department (RSU 14) serves a student population of 3,200 students across six public schools. The addition of Space to Thrive will help support the childcare needs of families in the area, ensuring that children receive the care and early education they need to thrive.

Great Falls Construction of Gorham, Maine will be the contractor for the project. Taselpointe Architecture of Windham, Maine is the architect for the project.

For more information about Space to Thrive early childhood education and before and after school programming, please visit our website at [windhamraymondsacc.com](http://windhamraymondsacc.com), and stay tuned as we undergo this transition. Please join us for this exciting moment in our community's growth at the groundbreaking ceremony!

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