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RICHARD J. O'BRIEN FOUNDATION PRESENTS \$30,000 TO NEW INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOOL (NIS)

Yaphank Educational Facility Dedicated to Having Children Reach Their Full Potential Receives One of Charity's First Annual Gifts

JERICHO, NEW YORK - May 2012 -The Richard J. O'Brien Foundation recently presented the New Interdisciplinary School (NIS) with a gift of \$30,000. Located in Yaphank, the New Interdisciplinary School (NIS) is dedicated to providing educational and therapeutic services to all children from birth to five years of age.

"NIS' belief in the rights of all children to grow and learn in a supportive environment regardless of disability, ethnic background or socioeconomic status personifies the Foundation's mission," said Katherine A. O'Brien, a member of the charity's Board of Directors.

"The generous donation from the Richard J. O'Brien Foundation will provide additional resources to help NIS continue to create a learning environment for children to grow and learn to their highest potential. This gift is special because of our relationship with our dear friend, Rich," We are truly grateful," said the school's Executive Director Helen Wilder.

The Richard J. O'Brien Foundation is dedicated to honoring the memory of its namesake who passed away in 2010. Active in many not-for-profit organizations on Long Island, O'Brien always gave generously of his time --- especially to those groups benefitting children and their families.

Started by O'Brien's family and friends, the Foundation, an all-volunteer association, supports charities focusing on children in need of special care and bereavement counseling. It also aids organizations dealing with children's health issues and provides financial donations to individuals and families that have lost a parent. For additional information, visit rjofoundation.org.

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Caption: Left to right: RJO Board Members Jeff Barber, Katherine O'Brien, Fred Braun, NIS Executive Director Helen Wilder, NIS Students Gabrielle and Hailey