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Local Businesses Come Together to Gift Morristown Nonprofit with Redesigned Space to Serve Local Families.

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Preschool is critical to a child's success in school and in life, but the high cost of tuition prevents many families from enrolling their children. Preschool Advantage funds tuition for three- and four-year-olds at 27 high-quality preschools across Morris and Somerset counties. This is all accomplished with the help of dedicated volunteers, and an actively involved board in a small office in Morristown, NJ.

When Preschool Advantage Executive Director, Nancy Bangiola, shared her desire to create a more welcoming environment for young families visiting the office application season, the staff brainstormed ways to create a cozy space for the families alongside an efficient workspace for staff and volunteers on a shoestring budget. Long-time Preschool Advantage supporter GreenBarn Investment Group knew exactly how to accomplish this project for the local nonprofit. GreenBarn enlisted the creativity of Paul Newman of Kimmerle Newman Architects, who generously donated his time to map out a plan that would maximize the limited office footprint. Cris Thompson and George Strother, Partners in Denville-based full-service construction management firm, Eaglesite Commercial, LLC, turned Newman's design, along with an entire suite of office furniture donated by GreenBarn, into fresh and highly functional office redesign at no cost to the nonprofit.

"We are committed to supporting our community through investments in local organizations centered on providing opportunities and changing the lives of those neighbors most in need," said Lavell. "Everyone agrees that education is crucial to economic and social advancement and Preschool Advantage's mission is a compelling approach to providing families and children with early access to learning that would otherwise be out of reach."

In 2023, 106 local children received assistance from Preschool Advantage. The Organization has provided over 1,500 families with financial assistance for high-quality preschool education since 1995. For the 2024 application and the list of participating preschools, or to learn more about how to become involved, visit www.preschooladvantage.org, call (973) 532-2501 or visit the beautiful new office space at 25 Lindsley Drive, Suite 307, Morristown.

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Pictured left to right: Matt Lavell, GreenBarn Investment Group, George Strother, Eaglesite Commercial, Nancy Bangiola, Preschool Advantage, Cris Thomson, Eaglesite Commercial