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TRINITY-BY-THE-COVE GRANT FUNDS SCHOLARSHIP MEDICATION PROGRAM FOR DISADVANTAGED CITIZENS

Naples, FL – The David Lawrence Center, Collier County’s only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families, is pleased to announce that Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church has awarded the Center a \$30,000 grant to extend support for the scholarship medication program for three more years. Established in 1996, the program provides discounted or free psychotropic medications to clients with a persistent or chronic mental illness without the means to pay for the drugs on their own. The grant has been awarded through the funds provided to their Community Grant Commission by the Archangel Fund for Collier County Charities.

Each year an increasing number of families come to David Lawrence Center for treatment in one of the Center’s specialized programs. Significant numbers of these clients are indigent or low income families, are disabled or unable to work, or are otherwise financially restricted from obtaining proper treatment. In the case of individuals suffering from chronic mental illness, the use of extremely costly, yet highly effective psychotropic drugs is crucial to their treatment and often results in a reduction of more costly inpatient and institutional treatment, or allows for shorter hospital stays.

David Lawrence Center CEO Scott Burgess states, “David Lawrence Center is very appreciative to Trinity-by-the-Cove for the unwavering, continued support of their parishioners and the leaders of their organization. Without the assistance of the scholarship medication program, many clients would be barred from experiencing the life-changing wellness provided by these important medications due to their high costs and would not receive proper treatment. With the help of the Church, we are able to offer hope, health and healing for improved quality of life to those most in need.”

David Lawrence Center is the Southwest Florida-based, not-for-profit leading provider of behavioral health solutions dedicated to inspiring and creating life-changing wellness for every individual. The Center provides innovative, comprehensive inpatient, outpatient, residential and community based prevention and treatment services for the one in four local children and adults who experience mental health, emotional, psychological and substance abuse challenges. David Lawrence Center has eight locations in Collier County and touches

the lives of more than 40,000 people each year. David Lawrence Foundation generates philanthropic support for the advancement of the Center's mission, operations and growth. For more information about David Lawrence Center and Foundation call 239-455-8500 or visit www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.

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