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**Naples United Church of Christ Grant Funds**  
**David Lawrence Center Homeless Outreach Efforts**

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 the Naples United Church of Christ Board of Missions and Outreach has awarded the Center a \$2,500 grant to launch a new formal Homeless Supply Program to support the homeless outreach efforts of the Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program.

Through the program, case managers identify homeless and very low-income individuals in the community and link them to appropriate services such as housing, medical, substance abuse and mental health services. In the process of this outreach, many individuals are in desperate need of basic personal care and hygiene products such as soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, powder, tooth brushes/tooth paste, feminine products, wound care items, paper towels, toilet paper, disposable shavers, combs/brushes, nail clippers, Q tips, and more. This seed money will help stock the homeless supply pantry and kick start a formal donation program to collect thousands of donated personal hygiene items from members of the community, charitable organizations, clubs and churches.

Scott Burgess David Lawrence Center CEO stated, “David Lawrence Center is pleased to partner with Naples United Church of Christ to extend a helping hand to those in desperate need in our community. These funds will help meet their most basic needs, improve their quality of life and living standards and offer an opportunity for our staff to engage them in treatment services that will improve their health, wellbeing and potential for a brighter future.”

For more information about the Homeless Supply Program, call 239-263-4013. Personal care and hygiene product donations can be dropped off at the David Lawrence Center Horseshoe Drive satellite office located 2806 South Horseshoe Drive in Naples.

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 seven locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 50,000 people each year. For more information about David Lawrence Center call 239-455-8500 or visit [www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org](http://www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org).

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