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SUSAN B. ANTHONY RECOVERY CENTER RECEIVES \$250K GRANT FROM THE ABLE TRUST

Grant helps mothers, recovering addicts with career and education training

PEMBROKE PINES, Fla. — Nearly a quarter million dollars was donated by The Able Trust to fund employment programs at The Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center, which helps pregnant women and mothers end the cycle of substance abuse for their families. The Able Trust works as a key leader in the state to provide Floridians with disabilities opportunities for successful employment.

“Changing the direction of just one life has the potential to set the next generation of a family on the right path, and it’s impossible to put a value to that,” said Dean A. Dalbery, CEO of the Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center. “We’re honored by the trust and faith The Able Trust has placed in us, and we will do our best to shepherd these dollars prudently to put them to the best use.”

The grant will help fund the Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center’s Readiness for Employment and Placement (REAP) Program that provides education, vocational support and employment placement to mothers recovering from substance abuse. Over three years, the recovery center anticipates REAP to help about 180 participants to obtain full-time jobs and 30 individuals to gain part-time jobs.

“People dealing with substance abuse problems are three times more likely to be unemployed,” said Dr. Susanne Homant, president of The Able Trust. “That’s a worrisome statistic, but it also compels the kind of action the Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center has taken. The REAP program not only gets these women employed, but also looks to make long-term impacts in their lives and the lives of their children.”

The Able Trust will assist with staffing for the program, underwriting a full-time Career Specialist, a part-time Vocational Group Facilitator and a part-time After Care Career Specialist.

The REAP Program is expected to assist 360 individuals with employment services over three years for mothers recovering from drug and alcohol addiction and co-occurring disabilities. The organization, originally started by the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale, has other numerous community relationships including collaborations with CareerSource Broward, United Way, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Broward Homeless Initiative Program and the Broward Sheriff's Office.

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About The Able Trust

The Able Trust, also known as the Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation, is a 501(c)(3) public-private partnership foundation established by the Florida Legislature in 1990. Its mission is to be a key leader in providing Floridians with disabilities opportunities for successful employment. For over 25 years, The Able Trust has supported a diversity of projects and programs statewide, and has helped thousands of Floridians with disabilities gain employment.

About The Susan B Anthony Recovery Center

Created from the vision of a small group of women in the Junior League of Greater Fort Lauderdale in 1995, The Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center has grown from one group home, housing five mothers and six children, to a beautiful 5.5-acre campus in Pembroke Pines with the capacity to serve over sixty families. Since it began in 1995, The Susan B. Anthony Recovery Center has helped to reunify over 850 families and has provided the intensive services necessary to stop the cycle of family dysfunction and substance addiction for over 1,500 children. For over 20 years, the center has provided substance-addicted mothers a safe place to start again and to keep their families together in residential units as both mother and children receive much needed treatment and support.