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Family Services receives grants totaling \$522,500 from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

WINSTON-SALEM, NC (February 8, 2023) Family Services, Inc. is pleased to announce that they have recently received grants totaling \$522,500 from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust. \$110,000 was awarded to address the housing safety net for survivors of domestic violence and their families, and \$412,500 will be payable over three years to support the early childhood education and access initiative, Pre-K Priority, in Forsyth County.

The housing safety net will focus on coordinating access to safe, affordable housing for domestic violence survivors and their families to assist in rebuilding their lives. The early childhood education and access initiative will help provide all families with the opportunity to choose from a mix of high-quality Pre-K providers that offer affordable and equitable programs with evidence-based standards, components, and practices.

"Domestic violence is one of the primary causes of homelessness for women and their children. We continue to see an increased need for providing safe housing for domestic violence victims and their families," says Traci Ross, President, and CEO of Family Services, Inc. This generous grant will help us facilitate much-needed research of understanding, planning, and initiating the safe housing process. Traci also shares about the early childhood education and access initiative "It's vital that every four-year-old in our county have access to high-quality, affordable Pre-K if we want to realize the educational and economic goals we've set for our community. The future of our community are these children, and we need to give them the best start in life possible."

The Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust was established in 1947 and is now one of the largest private trusts in North Carolina. Our mission is to improve the health and quality of life of financially-disadvantaged residents in North Carolina. The Health Improvement in North Carolina program area supports community-wide health solutions across the state. The Local Impact in Forsyth County program area fosters equitable and sustainable solutions to improve the quality of life in Forsyth County. Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. serves as the sole Trustee.

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About Family Services

Family Services is a nonprofit organization serving Forsyth County, North Carolina, by providing professional services and participating in partnerships that foster the development of children, advance the safety, security, and success of families and individuals, and help build a sustainable community. For more information, please go to

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