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TRINITY-BY-THE-COVE EPISCOPAL CHURCH AWARDS GRANT TOWARDS NEW THERAPEUTIC GARDEN

Naples, FL – The David Lawrence Center and Foundation are pleased to announce that Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church and its Community Grant Commission has awarded the Center a \$5,000 grant to be applied to the development of a new therapeutic garden. The garden will be designed to complement and enhance the upcoming renovations to Building D which will include the Adult Substance Abuse Services Center and the Children’s Outpatient Services Center. The garden will allow clients and family members access to daylight, nature and beautiful weather.

The garden area will be designed to affect residential and outpatient clients and staff in a positive way by creating a relaxing, soothing therapeutic environment in order to improve mental health, wellbeing and reduce or eliminate environmental stressors. The garden, which will feature several flowering shady trees and a variety of shrubs, will provide positive distractions, accommodate accompanying family members and enable social supports for individuals seeking treatment.

David Lawrence Center CEO David Schimmel adds, “On behalf of the more than 20,000 people who seek help from the David Lawrence Center each year, we are extremely grateful for this funding to help make our patients’ time while on our campus and in treatment, as serene and tranquil as possible. This therapeutic garden will not only benefit our patients and their family members, but our staff and visitors will also benefit from the new peaceful and calming setting.”

David Lawrence Foundation raises funds to support the programs and services of David Lawrence Center, a not-for-profit, community mental health center that provides affordable mental health and substance abuse services in Southwest Florida. In addition to helping children with behavioral, emotional and substance abuse challenges, the Center provides counseling and rehabilitative services to adults in crisis and individuals with persistent mental illness. David Lawrence Center and Foundation has eight locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 20,000 clients a year. It is David Lawrence Center’s mission to restore and rebuild the lives of all of those in need. More information about David Lawrence Center can be found online at davidlawrencecenter.org.

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