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PRESS RELEASE

Bank of America awards multiple grants to Emory Valley Center

Grants totaling \$20,000 were awarded to Emory Valley Center (EVC) by Bank of America Charitable Foundation Grants for Economic Mobility to help deliver innovative solutions to empower people and promote self-sufficiency and by Bank of America to support EVC's Increased Expenses due to COVID-19 for Residential and Direct Personal Support Services for People with Disabilities.

One of the services Emory Valley Center (EVC) provides is residential housing for people with disabilities in East Tennessee. With a person-centered focus, EVC empowers people in achieving their personal goals, concentrating on their strengths rather than disabilities. With the Bank of America Foundation grant, EVC secured energy efficient windows and installation to improve cost efficient, affordable, and accessible housing to people they support living with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities. Also, with the Bank of America grant, EVC was able to apply the funds to support additional expenses due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

“Emory Valley Center’s residential housing program makes it possible for people we support to live more independently and part of the community,” said Jennifer Enderson, President. “By supporting energy efficient upgrades to residential housing, Bank of America has had a meaningful impact on the lives of people who are striving for self-sufficiency despite their disabilities. Furthermore, Bank of America’s grant supporting our additional expenses incurred during the global pandemic has been instrumental in helping our agency continue providing programs and services to the people we support.”

“Bank of America is committed to helping build better financial futures,” said Terry Cline, Knoxville market president for Bank of America. “We are thankful to Emory Valley Center for their dedication each and every day to making life better for East Tennesseans with disabilities.”



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The Bank of America Charitable Foundation is focused on building pathways to economic mobility by addressing the issues of workforce development & education, basic needs and community development. They are committed to advancing a more diverse and inclusive society by expanding opportunities and supporting equitable solutions that will enable low-income communities to grow and prosper. Bank of America is lending, investing, and giving in local communities to advance local economies and create positive change.

Emory Valley Center has been meeting the needs of people with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities in the East Tennessee community for **65 years** and currently provides a wide variety of services including: Behavioral Health, Community Integration, Education, Employment, Family Assistance, Pre-Vocational Training, Residential and Senior Services. **This support reaches more than 1,400 adults and children, monthly in multiple East Tennessee counties.**

To learn more about Emory Valley Center and their programs and services, visit www.emoryvalleycenter.org, follow them on Facebook, www.facebook.com/emoryvalleycenter; Instagram, [emory.valley.center](https://www.instagram.com/emory.valley.center) and Twitter [@EVC_OakRidge](https://twitter.com/EVC_OakRidge) for program/success stories and photos.