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Maximus Foundation awards grant for Workforce Development to Emory Valley Center

Oak Ridge, Tenn. (September 20, 2021) - The Maximus Foundation awarded Emory Valley Center a \$4,000 grant to help continue community development for the people they support. Emory Valley Center can assist people they support achieve their goals of living more independently through jobs and training programs the Maximus Foundation grant supports.

“Giving people we support assistance in discovering what jobs they may be interested in pursuing is one of the first steps in the workforce process,” said Daisy Pratt, Workforce Development Director at Emory Valley Center. “Our Employment Coaches are dedicated to helping people discover their career paths and being present to assist in all phases of securing employment in the community. We are grateful for grants from partners like the Maximus Foundation in support all of these efforts.”

Employment Coaches at Emory Valley Center help the person they support identify their job interests and how to pursue them. This includes identifying potential employers, assistance with filling out job applications, mock interviews, and helpful tips about the interview process.

“In recognition of the impact they have had in our community, the Maximus Foundation is pleased to award a grant to Emory Valley Center,” said John Boyer, Maximus Foundation Chairman. “We are delighted to present this award to this impressive organization whose work reflects our shared values - partnering with people in under resourced communities and connecting them to the tools they need to build better lives for themselves, their families, and their neighbors. I thank Emory Valley Center for its collaborative approach to enriching the lives of those it serves.”

As the philanthropic arm of Maximus, the Foundation extends the mission of the Company by identifying and awarding grants to partners with specialized expertise to deliver results within the same populations and communities served by the public programs the Company operates. The Maximus Foundation is completely funded by Maximus and its employees, and provides grants to local community organizations with programs



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and projects in the areas of child and youth development, health, and community development.

Emory Valley Center has been meeting the needs of people with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities in the East Tennessee community since 1955, and currently provides a wide variety of services including: Behavioral Health, Community Participation, Community Supported Living, Early Childhood Education, Enabling Technology, Family Support and Workforce Development. **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.