



# EMORY VALLEY CENTER

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## Jane L. Pettway Foundation awards grant to Emory Valley Center

**Oak Ridge, Tenn.** - The Pettway Foundation awarded Emory Valley Center a \$7,000 grant to support residential housing for women they assist. Emory Valley Center has been offering residential habilitation services for East Tennessee residents with Intellectual and Developmental disabilities since 1973.

“This project and others like it are part of Emory Valley Center’s efforts to address the severe shortage of affordable housing in our area,” said Crystal Hicks, Vice President of Operations at Emory Valley Center. “Supportive residential housing is critical for people with disabilities who often face financial challenges, the lack of accessibility for people with mobility issues and discrimination.”

The Jane L. Pettway Foundation gives primarily in support for human services, libraries, including the education and training of library employees, financially needy women, and Episcopal parishes or ministries.

"We are grateful to the Pettway Foundation for this grant award," said Hicks. "In addition to helping provide safe, affordable housing, grants like these also provide a supportive environment that enables the people we support feel like an integral part of their community."

**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.**

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