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PRESS RELEASE

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Emory Valley Center Receives Grant from Maximus Foundation For Enabling Technology

Emory Valley Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting children and adults with disabilities, has received a grant award from the Maximus Foundation to provide enabling technology for daily living skills and onsite job support. This technology has allowed participants to achieve another level of independence, with some no longer needing a job coach to be present during working hours.

The grant award has been used to fund various programs at Emory Valley Center, including Create Ability's Employment Pathfinder and MeMinder. The Employment Pathfinder provides job seekers with a set of assessments and an actionable end-report that identifies their motivations, skills, challenges, and goals to ensure sustainable and satisfying employment, and the MeMinder program offers 200+ preprogrammed tasks with pictures and audio, as well as customized task instructions relevant to the work environment and job requirements.

"We are incredibly grateful for this grant award and the opportunities it has provided for participants to achieve greater independence and success in their daily lives," said Vice President of Operations, Crystal Hicks. "The technology and training programs funded by this grant have already had a significant impact on the people we support, and we look forward to seeing their achievements as the programs continue."

To support the use of these programs, the grant has also funded the purchase of arm bands for hands-free use of smartphones, Bluetooth earbuds to provide discrete prompts, and Windmills, a highly interactive training program that empowers and equips employment professionals to become more inclusive of people with disabilities in the workplace.

"Emory Valley Center has a long history of engaging, encouraging, and supporting all the members of its communities," said John Boyer, Maximus Foundation Chairman. "Their inclusive work reminds us that, together, we can all do our part to help our neighbors thrive. We congratulate them for all of their accomplishments and look forward to our partnership."

About Maximus

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About the Maximus Foundation

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, in partnership with local community organizations with programs 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, MAPs, and Workforce Development. **This support reaches more than 3,300 people annually in multiple East Tennessee counties.**

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