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Emory Valley Center Awarded Grant from the Colin Farrell Foundation to Support Innovative Programs for Individuals with IDD

Oak Ridge, TN— December 17th 2025— Emory Valley Center is proud to announce it has been selected as one of 16 agencies nationwide to receive grant funding from the Colin Farrell Foundation (CFF). The foundation awarded grants to organizations across the United States that demonstrate creativity, impact, and a commitment to strengthening support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) and their families.

The Colin Farrell Foundation’s grant program recognizes agencies that are addressing critical gaps in services—particularly for children with IDD transitioning into adulthood. Emory Valley Center was chosen by an independent review committee made up of volunteers with lived experience and expertise in program evaluation. This committee noted the organization’s innovative approach and its dedication to empowering people with IDD to lead full, meaningful lives.

“We are incredibly appreciative and excited to be named the recipient of a \$25,000 grant from the Colin Farrell Foundation to expand our MAPs program,” said **Jennifer Anderson, President of Emory Valley Center**. “The grant will assist in providing enabling technology devices and transportation that broaden independence and opportunity for those we serve.”

For more than **70** years, Emory Valley Center has provided high-quality, person-centered services to people with disabilities and their families throughout East Tennessee. This grant strengthens the organization’s ongoing commitment to fostering independence, inclusion, and opportunity.

About Emory Valley Center

Emory Valley Center has been supporting children, adults, and families in East Tennessee for over **70** years. The organization offers a wide range of services for individuals with intellectual,

developmental, and physical disabilities, including residential, employment, early intervention, and community-based programs.

About the Colin Farrell Foundation

The Colin Farrell Foundation supports innovative programs that create meaningful opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through funding partnerships with agencies nationwide, CFF strives to empower individuals with IDD and enhance the quality of services available as they transition into adulthood.