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King Foundation awards grant to Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services

LITTLE ROCK (April 29, 2015) – The Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation of Dallas recently awarded a \$25,000 grant to Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services to help fund its Transitional Living Program.

The Transitional Living Program, one of four programs at Vera Lloyd’s Annie B. Wells Children’s Home campus in Monticello (Drew County), enables young adults, ages 18 to 21, to reach goals related to higher education, employment and independent living skills.

The Transitional Living Program is open to young adults who have grown up in foster care and have little opportunity for family reunification. It serves as many as four young men and four young women at any time. All eight participants live on the Annie B. Wells campus, attend high school, college or training/technical school, are looking for employment and are involved in an extensive independent living skills curriculum.

“The Transitional Living Program is funded entirely through small rent payments from participants and charitable support, such as the grant from the King Foundation,” explained Donna Mahurin, chief executive officer at Vera Lloyd. “We are extremely grateful to the King Foundation for their support of our goal of enabling these young people to reach their life goals and be successful after they leave our children’s home.”

The Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation distributes more than \$2 million each year to charities serving the Dallas/Fort Worth area, 38 counties in west Texas and 32 counties in Arkansas. The King Foundation funded Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services, the Southeast Arkansas Concert Association and Options in 2014.

Vera Lloyd also serves boys and girls in state custody through emergency-shelter, long-term residential and therapeutic group home programs. These programs are funded by contracts with the State of Arkansas and by charitable contributions.

About Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services

Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services’ children’s home is located in Monticello and its business offices are in Little Rock. The children’s home was established in 1923 through the dedication and monetary support of Lulu Williamson, Vera Lloyd and Annie B. Wells. Today, Vera Lloyd organization provides residential housing for up to 48 youth at any one time and close to 200 youth every year. Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family Services is accredited by the Council on Accreditation and employs 42 people.

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