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Annandale Village Establishes \$1,000,000 Agency Endowment Fund With Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia

Fund Created to Provide Perpetual Support for Individuals with Development Disabilities

December 16, 2014 - On Tuesday, December 9th at the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia's Board of Directors meeting, the holiday giving spirit was abundant as Annandale Village's Chairman of the Board, Charles Lotz, announced that the nonprofit organization will be partnering with the foundation by establishing a \$1 Million agency endowment fund. The fund, created to provide perpetual support for individuals with intellectual disabilities and traumatic brain injuries, is the largest ever received by the Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia (CFNEG) in its 29-year history.

The agency endowment fund will generate a predictable stream of income for Annandale Village, leaving a majority of the assets to grow in perpetuity. The fund offers the flexibility to meet the nonprofit's immediate needs while ensuring assets are always preserved for the organization's long-term mission. "The Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia is honored to be the trusted resource and financial steward of the Annandale endowment fund that will annually provide resources to support vital programs and services for people with autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, and other forms of intellectual disabilities," said Judy Waters, CFNEG Executive Director. "Annandale Village is a remarkable organization and we could not be more excited about this collaborative partnership that will positively impact so many of our citizens."

"The vision and leadership of Gwinnett County's philanthropic community has been integral to the growth and energy surrounding the pursuit of our mission of providing progressive life assistance to adults with intellectual developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries," said Lotz. "We are continually impressed and inspired by the Community Foundation's good works, and believe our investment in CFNEG will only strengthen our ability to serve more and do more for individuals that are impacted by some form of intellectual disability."

In 2015, Annandale will celebrate its 46 year journey from a startup nonprofit organization to becoming a nationally recognized leader among organizations devoted solely to serving individuals with intellectual disabilities and traumatic brain injuries. In 1969, Annandale Village opened its doors with just four staff members and eight clients. Today, nearly 140 compassionate and dedicated professionals help its clients lead lives that reflect quality, value, self-worth, and achievement.

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“Looking back over the past year, we have achieved several record-breaking milestones and accomplishments. Yet, as we look forward into 2015 and beyond we aim to raise the bar even higher,” said Adam Pomeranz, CEO of Annandale Village. “We will embark on an exciting period of strategic expansion to evolve our organization into something even better and stronger. Along this path, we will introduce additional programs and services to increase our capacity to serve the ever-expanding disability population with the utmost care and compassion. Thus, we are confident our partnership with the Community Foundation will enhance our ongoing journey to reach a new level of excellence.”

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ABOUT ANNANDALE VILLAGE

Annandale Village is a vibrant community providing residential care and day programs to more than 160 adults with autism, Down syndrome, cerebral palsy, other intellectual disabilities, and those that have experienced a traumatic brain injury. Unlike group homes for intellectually challenged adults, the 55-acre campus of Annandale Village offers a full spectrum of services tailored to an individual’s needs and abilities, offering residents and their families the security of knowing that they can have a post-secondary living experience or lifelong residence. Annandale’s tree-lined campus includes residential settings providing varying levels of care - from skilled nursing, to assisted living/transitional care, to semi-independent care and independent apartments. In addition, the campus includes a chapel, recreation/educational classrooms, a vocational skills training center, dining halls, an art studio, computer lab, a cardio gymnasium, indoor aquatic therapy pool, and walking trails.

ABOUT THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NORTHEAST GEORGIA

The Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia was founded in 1985 by a group of community-minded citizens to receive and disburse charitable funds for an improved quality of life across northeast Georgia. The Foundation serves a multitude of counties across metro Atlanta and northeast Georgia. CFNEG manages charitable funds for individuals, non-profit organizations and businesses. Over the past 29 years the Foundation has given over \$55 million back to the community.

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