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**The Able Trust Awards The Haven Nearly \$231K Grant
in Grant Presentation**

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Able Trust today hosted a grant presentation to highlight the \$230,931 grant that was awarded to The Haven’s “Careers Without Limits” program. The Able Trust provides community support to The Haven through its Strategic Employment Placement Initiatives grant, which will go toward providing additional resources to help people with disabilities in post-secondary institutions find a career path and employment, during and following the completion of the post-secondary education.

The grant presentation was attended by Senator Bill Galvano (R-Bradenton), representatives of The Haven and The Able Trust, and a client of The Haven, among others.



The Able Trust awards \$230,931 grant to The Haven’s “Careers Without Limits” program. Pictured from left to right: Sean Gast, employment specialist of The Haven; Brad Jones, president and CEO of The Haven; Senator Bill Galvano; Tim Walsh, employee of Snackworks in Bradenton and a client of The Haven; and Dr. Susanne Homant, president and CEO of The Able Trust.

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“The Able Trust has been a long-time partner of The Haven and has provided critical support to our employment/vocational programs for teens and adults,” said Brad Jones, president and CEO of The Haven. “This community support from The Able Trust will go a long way toward providing students with unique abilities the opportunity to become valued members of the workplace through job training and career placement that is appropriate for the individual’s education and career goals.”

“The Able Trust board and staff were impressed with the past successes of The Haven in working on employment opportunities for people with disabilities, and we are pleased to be helping launch the advancement of that work with the ‘Careers Without Limits’ program,” said Dr. Susanne Homant, president and CEO of The Able Trust. “The selection process for such awards is intense, and leadership of The Haven proved to have the resources to assure employment success that benefits individuals with disabilities, their families and indeed the entire local economy.”

“With this grant, both The Able Trust and The Haven are working together to address the key jobs and employment issue for people with disabilities – one that is critical to the growth and stability of Florida’s economy,” said Senator Galvano. “I am proud of the support the Florida Legislature provided to The Able Trust. This collaboration is an excellent use of both public and private dollars.”

“I never would have thought I would find a place or people as passionate and caring as The Haven,” said Tim Walsh, employee of Snackworks in Bradenton and a client of The Haven. “The Haven is awesome!”

To learn more about The Haven, please visit CommunityHaven.org.

Created by the Florida Legislature in 1990 (FS 413.615), the Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit public/private partnership, and The Able Trust is a dba of the Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation. Its mission is to be a key leader in providing Floridians with disabilities opportunities for successful employment. Vocational rehabilitation is the focus of The Able Trust's programs and grants. Making funds available to persons with disabilities helps not only them, but also local and state economies.

The Able Trust supports a diversity of projects, including a statewide youth program called High School High Tech, work experience training and technical assistance, transportation assistance, career development training, employment and career path direction, and assistance to businesses as they seek the employment of people with disabilities. Since its beginnings, The Able Trust has worked with community organizations throughout the State of Florida to put thousands of people with disabilities to work.

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