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ARC BROWARD RECEIVES \$250,000 GRANT from The Able Trust
Grant Presentation: 6/26 at 1pm (ARC Broward)

SUNRISE, FL – (June 22, 2015) – The Able Trust will present ARC Broward of Ft. Lauderdale a grant totaling **\$250,000** on **Friday, June 26th at 1pm** to benefit its Center for Financial Stability in the main lobby of the ARC Broward Campus in Sunrise, FL.

The much-needed funds will be used to support the gap in funding for ARC Broward’s clients after they have turned 22 years old. ARC Broward’s Center for Financial Stability (CFS) will be able to provide longer term support to their clients – all with disabilities – for a more successful employment outcome. The grant will help the CFS build community connections and continue to grow and expand the program. ARC Broward is one of two organizations in the state to receive a grant of this size from The Able Trust this year.

“The Able Trust is very proud of what ARC Broward has accomplished in the past, and we are pleased to help support the growth of their Center for Financial Stability,” Able Trust President & CEO Dr. Susanne Homant said. “The services provided by this program are designed to equip job seekers with disabilities to achieve better and major employment outcomes. ARC Broward has been a great advocate for people with disabilities, consistently exceeding expectations in their programs and helping to develop skilled workers for Florida’s economy.”

Homant and Executive Director of the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity Jesse Panuccio, will be travelling from Tallahassee, Florida for the grant presentation.

“Every Floridian who wants a job should be able to get a job, and together The Able Trust, ARC Broward, and DEO are helping make that dream a reality,” Panuccio said. Each of the 879,700 jobs created over

the last four years is the story of a person or family in Florida, and that is especially true here at ARC Broward. Gainful employment affirms the inherent worth of an individual, and it allows a person with disabilities to gain new relationships, gain new skills, and show the world that a disability is not a barrier to the life activities that everyone else enjoys."

"We are honored that The Able Trust has expressed such confidence in our work by granting ARC Broward this incredible gift," said ARC Broward President/CEO Dennis Haas. "This funding will help us to continue our work to better ensure a more independent life and future for individuals with disabilities in our community."

In 1956, ARC Broward began serving children with special needs in two small classrooms. Today ARC Broward proudly serves more than 1,200 children, teens, adults and seniors with intellectual disabilities and various other life challenges and employs more than 400 people. For more information about ARC Broward, please visit www.arcbroward.com.

ABOUT ARC BROWARD

Since 1956, ARC Broward has worked hand-in-hand with the community to provide the encouragement and opportunities that create life-challenging outcomes so that people with disabilities and other life challenges can live, work, and play in their communities. ARC Broward operates at nine locations and provides 21 programs throughout Broward County, FL. These include ARC Broward's "mission based" enterprises that provide training and employment opportunities for individuals served while generating revenue to help fund services. To learn more or to donate visit www.arcbroward.com or call 954-746-9400.

ABOUT THE ABLE TRUST

The Able Trust, also known as the Florida Endowment Foundation for Vocational Rehabilitation, is a 501(c)(3) public-private partnership foundation established by the Florida Legislature in 1990. Its mission is to be a key leader in providing Floridians with disabilities opportunities for successful employment. Florida, enabling thousands of Florida citizens with disabilities to enter the workforce. The Able Trust youth programs provide career development and transition to high school students with disabilities, helping to reduce the dropout rate and prepare young adults for a productive life beyond high school.

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