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The Able Trust Awards \$60,000 Grant to Easterseals Florida

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Able Trust today awarded Easterseals Florida a \$60,000 grant to support its STRIVE in Hospitality Program, STRIVE, where Skills Training Results In Vocational Employment is a short term training program led by Easterseals Florida, with support from The Able Trust.

STRIVE will take place at the Easterseals Igoe-Amar Center in West Palm Beach in a classroom setting that will also include an onsite “hotel simulation room.” Plans are to conduct at least two training classes consisting of 15 students each that will meet for approximately 30 hours per week for 12 weeks. The program’s curriculum has been developed based on standards from the American Hotel & Lodging Educational Institute on Guest Service Gold® and START Certified Guestroom Attendant and Front Desk Representative training manuals. Participants in the program will have the opportunity to earn three internationally industry recognized certifications which will prepare them for transition from the classroom to the workforce and a path toward successful employment.

“The Able Trust is excited to support Easterseals Florida and its mission,” said Dr. Susanne Homant, president and CEO of The Able Trust. “Supporting the Easterseals Florida and programs like the STRIVE in Hospitality Program are vital to helping people with disabilities find successful employment. They not only help those who use the program, but also the surrounding communities by providing area businesses with quality employees.”

The Able Trust’s mission is to be a key leader in providing Floridians with disabilities opportunities for successful employment. One avenue in which The Able Trust accomplishes this mission is through opportunities in its grant giving program. The goal of The Able Trust grant program is to provide funds to qualifying organizations that have established or want to develop employment placement programs that assist individuals with disabilities to achieve employment in their communities and in their career fields.

“As Easterseals approaches 100 years of changing the lives of children and adults with disabilities, we look to the future and how we can continue to grow services for the community,” said Sue Ventura, president and CEO of Easterseals Florida. “We are honored that The Able Trust is investing in our future through their generous donation to our S.T.R.I.V.E in Hospitality program. This program will help individuals with disabilities in the West Palm Beach community gain the training and certifications

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to pursue a career in the hospitality field. We believe the S.T.R.I.V.E program will help promote inclusion and provide greater opportunities to those with disabilities in our community.”

Easterseals serves 1.4 million children and adults with disabilities and their families, offering a wide range of services at 73 affiliates nationwide. They change the way the world defines and views disability by making profound, positive differences in people’s lives every day, helping their clients build the skills and access the resources they need to live, learn, work and play. Easterseals Florida provides services to 40 of the 67 counties in Florida. Easterseals strives to meet the needs of each community and ensure that the people they serve can reach their full potential. To learn more about Easterseals Florida, please visit [Easterseals.com/Florida](https://www.easterseals.com/Florida).

The Able Trust is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Its mission is to be a key leader in providing Floridians with disabilities opportunities for successful employment. The Able Trust supports numerous diverse projects, including the High School High Tech program, youth leadership training, 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 in every county in Florida to put thousands of people with disabilities to work. To learn more about The Able Trust, please visit [AbleTrust.org](https://www.abletrust.org) and follow [@AbleTrust](https://www.instagram.com/abletrust).

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