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The Able Trust Makes \$60,000 Grant Award Aimed at Helping Tampa-area Veterans with Brain Injuries Return to the Workforce

TAMPA, Fla. – The Able Trust recently named Abilities, Inc. of Florida (ServiceSource) as the recipient of a \$60,000 grant for its Acquired Brain Injury Life (ABIL) House Program. Funding will go toward training individuals with brain injuries – of which 65% are anticipated to be veterans – in the Tampa area.

“We are honored that The Able Trust continues to invest in our mission to serve Floridians with disabilities,” Director of Evaluation and Employment Services Dianne Duncan said. “Their generous support of ABILHouse will help military veterans and others with traumatic brain injuries improve their self-esteem, independent functioning, and employment potential. We have already seen tremendous growth in the ABILHouse members we have served so far, and look forward to being a part of their future successes.”

“The ABIL House, a clubhouse model developed by Service Source was selected for funding by The Able Trust because it provided evidence of need and a strong passion to serve individuals with traumatic brain injury,” Able Trust President and CEO Dr. Susanne Homant said. “We look forward to assisting ABIL House in identifying excellent routes to employment for veterans and others with brain and spinal cord injuries.”

ServiceSource has 50 years of experience designing innovative employment interventions for people with disabilities. Programs include employment services, school-to-work transition programs for youth with disabilities, habilitation services for individuals with significant disabilities, and Homes for Independence – an affordable housing program for people with disabilities and/or low incomes. The mission of ServiceSource is to deliver exceptional services to individuals with disabilities through innovative and valued employment, training, habilitation, housing, and support services.

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. Since its establishment, The Able Trust has awarded more than \$33 million to programs throughout 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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