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CaringWorks Earns National Grant to Expand Deaf and Hard of Hearing Support Services During COVID-19 Crisis

Decatur, GA. (May 26, 2020) – CaringWorks, a non-profit agency working to end homelessness by providing access to safe, affordable housing and support services, today announced it received a micro-grant from Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) to help expand health resources for its homeless and deaf clients during COVID-19.

Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD), the largest deaf-led social impact organization in the world, selected six recipients for the micro-grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$10,000. CaringWorks is the only non-profit organization from the Southeast selected to receive one of these grants. The CSD Unites Foundation, a program developed to help non-profits struggling with resources and adapting services during COVID-19, administered the grants.

CaringWorks provides the only deaf and hard of hearing (DHH) program in the Southeast. The program includes residential treatment and recovery services for homeless men recovering from substance addiction who are also D/HH. The program is offered at Hope House, a 70-bed residential facility operated by CaringWorks for adult men who are homeless and in recovery from substance addiction. Twelve of the beds are designated for men who are D/HH.

Strict quarantine procedures during COVID-19 made it difficult for CaringWorks to provide mental health services and regular monitoring for the uninsured, homeless and deaf men who reside at Hope House. As a result of the micro-grant, CaringWorks will now be able to provide virtual mental health support for its DHH clients.

“We are thrilled to receive this grant from Communication Services for the Deaf,” said Carol Collard, Ph.D., president, and CEO, CaringWorks. “As a result of COVID-19, there is an urgent need for telehealth services throughout our organization. Through this micro-grant, we can now meet that need for the homeless and deaf men in our care.”

“The pandemic has disrupted the lives of so many, especially underserved communities like ours and the organizations that serve them,” said Sasha Ponapp, CSD Unites Director. “We are very pleased to offer these micro-grants during such a difficult time and help deliver funding where it can have a significant and positive impact on the deaf and hard of hearing community.”

About CSD

Communication Service for the Deaf (CSD) is the largest deaf-led social impact organization in the world. For more than four decades, CSD has been a leader in creating and providing accessible and innovative solutions for the deaf community. Today, CSD continues its work to create opportunities for personal and economic growth within the deaf community, specifically addressing leadership and employment. CSD’s Social Venture Fund is one of the first angel funds and incubators in the world supporting deaf entrepreneurs and deaf owned and operated businesses. For more information, please visit [CSD](#).

About CaringWorks

Headquartered in Decatur, Georgia, CaringWorks is an agency working to end homelessness throughout the Greater Atlanta area, one person or family at a time. The agency provides comprehensive services and resources to its clients, including access to housing, mental health care, addiction treatment, education and employment assistance. CaringWorks’ annual success rate exceeds 90 percent – meaning more than 90 percent of clients remain stably housed after one year in their program. For more information about CaringWorks visit www.caringworksinc.org.

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