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Kristi House wins support for children who have been sexually abused from two local grantors

Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation and The State Attorney's Denise Moon Memorial Fund make grant awards

Miami - Kristi House announced the award of two major grants to help children who are victims of sexual abuse and their families. The Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation awarded a \$45,000 grant to be used toward creating a new, streamlined assessment process to help channel children and parents into therapy services sooner. The State Attorney's Denise Moon Memorial Fund awarded Kristi House a grant in the amount of \$33,225 toward a master's level therapist position at Kristi House's South office location.

"Kristi House is continually seeking ways to meet the needs of our community and its youngest, most vulnerable victims," Executive Director Trudy Novicki said. "We believe our new, front-end clinical assessment process and providing Kristi House therapists in locations closer to client neighborhoods our vast county will help in our goals to decrease children's time on the waiting list for therapy, improve cancellation and no-show rates, decrease the drop-out rate, and increase the number of cases successfully closed."

As the Children's Advocacy Center for all of Miami-Dade County, Kristi House is dedicated to providing a healing environment for child victims of sexual abuse and their families. This approach includes coordinating client families' involvement with legal, medical and mental health systems, limiting the number of interviews to reduce the trauma associated with each retelling of the story, and ensuring that no child falls through the gaps in our complex child welfare system. Kristi House also directly provides a full continuum of wrap-around services and care for victims and their families free of charge. This includes

therapy, which is critical for recovery from the trauma of sexual abuse for most survivors.

The State Attorney's Denise Moon Memorial Fund (SADMMF) is a donor-advised fund created in 2009 by the State Attorney's Office for the 11th Judicial Circuit of Florida in Miami-Dade County. Established by State Attorney Katherine Fernandez Rundle, the Fund was created in memory and honor of Denise M. Moon, who died in 2004 after working three decades as a pioneering leader and advocate for victim services in Greater Miami-Dade County. It is administered by Dade Community Foundation.

The Dr. John T. Macdonald Foundation, Inc., is a private grant-making foundation supporting projects and programs designed to improve, preserve or restore the health and health care of the people in Miami-Dade County. For more Information or a grant application, please contact Ms. Kim Greene, Executive Director, 1550 Madruga Avenue, Suite 215, Coral Gables, FL 33146, (305) 667-6017, website: www.jtmacdonaldfdn.org.

Kristi House is centrally located in the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital campus area at 1265 NW 12 Avenue. Four satellite offices in other parts of Miami-Dade County serve clients in surrounding neighborhoods. Founded in 1996, Kristi House has served more than 7,800 victims of child sexual abuse and their families. Thousands more are reached every year with education and prevention outreach programs. Services include case management, therapy, referral, transportation, advocacy and emergency assistance. For more information visit www.kristihouse.org.

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