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**SWFAS RECEIVES \$5,250 GRANT  
FOR WOMEN'S RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM**

SWFAS has received a \$5,250 grant from the Community Trust Fund of The League Club, Inc., of Naples to provide furnishings for the women's section of the SWFAS Transitional Living Center (TLC) on Dixie Parkway in Fort Myers.

The women's section, which provides housing for about 72 women per year while they are undergoing treatment for substance abuse, is undergoing renovations that will increase capacity to 92 women per year.

"We are very grateful to the ladies of The League Club for providing new beds, mattresses and dressers for the women in treatment," said SWFAS TLC Director Rosemary Boisvert. "Providing a home-like environment for persons recovering from substance abuse is a key part of the recovery process."

Depending upon their needs, patients participate in a short-term residential program or in a four to six-month transitional living program. The facility is supported by medical staff at the SWFAS Detoxification Center across the street.

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Patients work extensively on developing a recovery program that is individualized during their stay in the residential program. The standard day is filled with group and individual counseling sessions as well as recreational and spiritual opportunities. The evenings provide opportunities to experience 12-step meetings and allow for personal time.

The TLC provides residential treatment for 35 men and women with drug and/or alcohol problems in either a short-term residential program (one month) or in a four to six-month transitional living program. Permanent supportive housing also is offered for an additional 22 individuals and/or 11 families in a variety of duplexes on the TLC campus that stretches from Dixie Parkway to Grand Avenue in central Fort Myers.

The League Club, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is exclusively educational and charitable. The League Club supports the community through annual grants to non-profit agencies in Southwest Florida from its Community Trust Fund. More information is available at [www.theleagueclub.org](http://www.theleagueclub.org).

SWFAS is the oldest and largest comprehensive substance abuse treatment program in Southwest Florida. Since 1980, SWFAS has helped more than 63,000 residents in Lee, Charlotte, Glades and Hendry counties rebuild their lives. SWFAS offers treatment and prevention services at all levels of intensity including residential, outpatient counseling, and group therapy. In addition, SWFAS provides detoxification services for adults, prevention programming, and an Employee Assistance Program for about 80 Southwest Florida businesses.

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