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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SWFAS RECEIVES \$4,900 GRANT
FOR WOMEN'S PROGRAM**

SWFAS has received a \$4,900 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 funding will be used to buy bedding for the women's section of the Transitional Living Center, which provides housing for about 27 women per year who have completed the residential treatment program and have moved into the halfway house for extended treatment.

"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 individuals 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.

The TLC provides residential treatment for 39 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 28 individuals and up to two families in a variety of duplexes on the TLC campus that stretches from Dixie Parkway to Grand Avenue in central Fort Myers.

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The League Club, Inc., is a 501(c)(3) organization whose purpose is to be exclusively educational and charitable, to promote fellowship among the members of the Club, to demonstrate the effectiveness of trained volunteers and to promote voluntary participation in community affairs. 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.

SWFAS is the most comprehensive substance abuse treatment and prevention program in Southwest Florida, serving 6,000 people per year from ages 9 to 90. SWFAS offers outpatient and residential programs for both adults and youngsters from seven locations in Lee County and two in Hendry County. In addition, SWFAS provides detoxification services for adults, prevention programming, and an Employee Assistance Program for about 80 Southwest Florida businesses.

Fees are charged on a sliding scale, based on family income. In many cases, private insurance is accepted. SWFAS is a United Way agency.

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