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CAPITAL ONE AWARDS \$25,000 TO ST. JOSEPH'S VILLA FOR CULINARY ARTS TRAINING CENTER

Richmond, VA – St. Joseph's Villa is happy to announce that it has received a grant of \$25,000 from Capital One in support of the Villa's Career and Transition Services program. The funds will be used to create a Culinary Arts Training Center for at-risk youth being served at St. Joseph's Villa.

The Culinary Arts Training Center will enable the Villa's Career and Transition Services to provide an array of on-campus trainings and internships in food services for young people in their last years of high school who have significant disabilities and/or academic and behavioral challenges. These students share a need for training and guided experience not only in how to do a particular job but in "soft skills" – work habits, leadership skills, teamwork, and attitudes – crucial to success. To do this, the Center will create a training kitchen and adapt our existing kitchen so that students can practice many roles.

"We are thrilled by the support Capital One is showing for the Culinary Arts Training Center and for the Villa's Career and Transition Services program," said Matt Kreydatus, Director of the CATS program. "St. Joseph's Villa offers a wide variety of on-campus internship opportunities, and the Culinary Arts Training Center will be one of our flagship programs."

For more information about the CATS program, please contact Matt Kreydatus at (804) 553-3224 or via email, mkreydatus@sjvmail.net.

St. Joseph's Villa

Established in Richmond in 1834, St. Joseph's Villa is metro-Richmond, Virginia's oldest and largest continuously-operating children's nonprofit organization. The Villa is located on a spacious 82-acre campus in Richmond/Henrico County and builds stronger children, families and communities. The Villa serves more than 500 children and families daily, through the delivery of day, after-school and residential programs that include: special and nontraditional education programs for at-risk youth; education and housing services for homeless children and their families; education and respite, summer and after-school care for children with autism and developmental disabilities; behavioral treatment programs for children and families; housing for adults with disabilities; and a child development center. The Villa is accredited by the national Council on Accreditation and is an approved Medicaid provider for many of its services.

St. Joseph's Villa admits clients of any race, color, gender, age, religion, disability or national origin to all the rights, privileges, programs and activities generally accepted or made available to clients at St. Joseph's Villa. In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, St. Joseph's Villa is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disability and retaliation in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs and athletic and other agency-administered programs. Any person

who believes he or she has been discriminated against in any U.S.D.A. related activity should write to the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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