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## **CFS Receives Grant to Enhance Community Integration Activities**

*Springfield, VA*— Central Fairfax Services, Inc. (CFS) was recently awarded a \$30,000 grant from the Philip L. Graham Fund to purchase a passenger van to add to its fleet. CFS currently operates eight vans; six passenger vans, one van with a ramp for wheelchair users and one production van.

CFS operates its eight vans within its Community Based department, where program participants take part in community-based activities every day. For most program participants, these outings are volunteer projects such as Meals on Wheels and cleaning area parks. There are also a small amount of individuals who participate in community based employment opportunities, such as working with the Fairfax County Department of Transportation.

With the additional passenger van, CFS will be able to enhance its community integration activities for program participants. In the past, limited resources meant that activities were reduced when vans were retired. Activities will now be enhanced, with trips to local attractions to increase integration activities for a greater number of participants.

“This is a great addition to our fleet,” explained Mary Spampneto, facilities manager. “We’ll be able to increase our paid and volunteer activities for our community based participants.”

Established in 1963, the Fund is named in memory of Philip L. Graham, who was publisher of The Washington Post from 1946 to 1961 and president of The Washington Post Company from 1947 to 1963. Gifts from his widow, the late Katharine Meyer Graham, his friends, and The Washington Post Company formed the initial corpus of the Fund. From its inception, the Fund's mission has been to use its resources for the betterment of the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area and to support activities that foster improvements in the fields of journalism and communications. The Fund is governed by a five-member Board of Trustees.

“CFS greatly appreciates the longstanding support, generosity and encouragement we receive from the Philip L. Graham Fund,” explained Paul Wexler, executive director. “These grants significantly increase our ability to enhance the lives of people with disabilities in our community.”

CFS is a day support program providing developmental and vocational services to adults with disabilities in Northern Virginia. CFS has successfully provided developmental and vocational services for 515 adults with disabilities in Northern Virginia since its incorporation in 1972. CFS currently serves over 200 adults with intellectual, developmental, physical, and sensory disabilities who reside in Arlington, Fairfax and Prince William Counties, and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax and Falls Church.

For more information about Central Fairfax Services, Inc., visit [www.centralfairfaxservices.org](http://www.centralfairfaxservices.org).

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