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ARC Broward Expands Programs Thanks to \$50,000 Grant From The Blue Foundation

Sunrise, FL — Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc. (ARC Broward) has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida's philanthropic affiliate. The funding will be used to develop and implement a mental health public awareness and outreach campaign.

ARC Broward provides services and supports for individuals with developmental disabilities residing in Broward County. The Mental Health Program provides counseling for people with or without disabilities and their families from therapists who are specially attuned to their unique issues. Counseling in Sign Language is available for people with hearing and communication disorders.

ARC Broward has developed mental health services specifically designed to serve the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. The purpose of this program is to enhance the quality of life for individuals and their families through direct therapeutic treatment of mental disorders. This program also provides home-based intervention and public education. The Mental Health program maintains a clinical staff of licensed social workers, mental health therapists, nurses and behavior analysts.

The Blue Foundation is dedicated to making a constructive contribution to the health and well being of all Floridians — especially the underserved and uninsured. The Blue Foundation's goals are a great match for ARC Broward and its efforts to provide mental health services and outreach programs for Broward County. The ARC Broward grant is one of nine totaling \$582,108 The Blue Foundation will present this winter to nonprofit programs throughout Florida.

The check was presented by Adrian Freeman with The Blue Foundation for a Healthy Florida, to Jacob C. Richter, CPA, Chairman of the Board, ARC Broward and Dennis Haas, President/CEO, ARC Broward.

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ARC Broward is a private, not-for-profit organization providing supports and assistance primarily to children and adults with mental retardation, autism, Down's syndrome, cerebral palsy, and other developmental disabilities. Incorporated in 1956 and celebrating 50 years of serving the community, ARC Broward provides a continuum of supports to more than 1,000 children and adults with disabilities and employs a caring team of over 450 health-care, educational, and other professionals.

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