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## **HARWOOD CENTER RECEIVES \$25,000 GRANT FROM FEDEX CORP.**

Memphis, TN. (11/17/2017) – Harwood Center is pleased to announce it has received a \$25,000 grant from FedEx Corp. These funds will support the organization’s Autism support and behavior therapy program.

Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) is a widely recognized, research-based treatment for individuals with Autism. This effective program, when implemented intensively early in life, has been shown to provide large gains in development and reductions in the need for special services. ABA therapy is the use of techniques and principles to bring about meaningful and positive change in behavior, and can assist with teaching skills including: following directions, communicating, patience, personal space, and eating skills. This program assists Harwood Center in reaching its mission: to enable children with special developmental needs to reach their full potential.

“This incredibly generous grant from FedEx is truly a blessing to the children of Harwood Center. These funds will allow our organization to continue providing its vital services to kids across the Mid-South community,” said Helena Tyszka Powell, Executive Director of Harwood Center.

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### ***About Harwood Center***

Founded in Memphis in 1957, Harwood Center is an early-intervention agency for children diagnosed with developmental disabilities. The organization’s mission is to enable children with special developmental needs to reach their full potential. Harwood accomplishes this mission by providing dual services: specialized preschool education and behavior therapy (1:1 ratio). Harwood Center serves children from across the Mid-South at three locations in Orange Mound, Raleigh, and Cordova. The center’s vision is to be the leading Mid-South educational and therapeutic resource for young children with developmental needs. Read more at [www.harwoodcenter.org](http://www.harwoodcenter.org).