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EPISCOPAL CHILDREN'S SERVICES IS A FINALIST FOR FLORIDA GRANT CHALLENGE

CareSource Foundation is awarding over \$400,000 in grants to nonprofits across Florida!

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 28, 2023 – Episcopal Children's Services (ECS) has been selected as a finalist for the CareSource Foundation Grant Challenge.

ECS and other finalists now move on to a public voting stage. Beginning today, March 29, 2023, Episcopal Children's Services supporters can vote for the organization they believe is making the biggest impact. The public can vote once a day for the voting period, which ends on Wednesday, April 12, 2023.

"We are very pleased to be a finalist for the CareSource Foundation Grant Challenge," stated ECS Chief Executive Officer Connie Stophel. "The potential funding we will receive helps us continue to serve our children and families and make an impact on the communities we serve."

For almost 60 years, Episcopal Children's Services has provided high-quality comprehensive services to children, birth to five years old, pregnant women and their families. The programs are designed to meet the needs of the children in various classroom settings through the whole child approach, helping children grow intellectually, emotionally and socially.

The CareSource Foundation Grant Challenge was established to recognize organizations and programs that are making significant impacts on communities' toughest health issues. Through the new initiative, the CareSource Foundation aims to inspire innovation on reducing health disparities and moving the needle on health equity.

Awards will be distributed with the top-vote getting organization receiving the grand prize. Competitions are held in various states with the focus varying from state to state. All current competitions can be found at www.caresourcefoundationgrantchallenge.com and votes for Episcopal Children's Services can be placed [here](#). It takes less than two minutes to assist the organization in winning!

About Episcopal Children's Services

Episcopal Children's Services serves more than 25,000 children and their families in 14 counties in Florida. ECS offers School Readiness, Head Start and Early Head Start programs in Baker, Bradford, Clay, Duval, Nassau, Putnam, St. Johns, Marion, Dixie, Gilchrist, Lake, Levy, Citrus and Alachua counties.

ECS uses research and best practices to help families ensure their children enter school ready to learn. Talented, dedicated teachers and staff work proactively with children from birth to age five and their families to build a strong educational foundation.

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