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**THE KEARNEY CENTER RECEIVES
\$15,000 GRANT FROM TRUIST FOUNDATION**
Grant Awarded to Assist Those Experiencing Homelessness

Tallahassee, Florida – Dec. 18, 2020 – The Kearney Center today announced it received a \$15,000 grant from Truist Foundation to support their work during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Kearney Center offers help and hope by creating solutions that provide a path to self-sufficiency to those in poverty.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, The Kearney Center moved all their clients to motels and apartments. This effort was to provide a safer environment that allowed for more social distancing. The decision to move quickly was based on national findings, including the CDC report of a high prevalence of the novel coronavirus within congregate homeless shelters.

Rick Kearney, chairman of the board, shares, “Moving clients into non-congregate housing — like apartments or motels — is the best practice in health safety. We’re committed to our clients, staff, and our community’s safety.”

The move to non-congregate shelter brings with it increased costs. Support from organizations like the Truist Foundation helps ensure that clients and staff are safer during the pandemic.

“We’re pleased to partner with The Kearney Center on their all-encompassing goal to provide paths to self-sufficiency for those in poverty,” said Chris Mills, market president at Truist, speaking on behalf of the Truist Foundation. “Specifically, we’re proud to support The Kearney Center’s mission to provide safe shelter, food and medical services to individuals in Tallahassee experiencing homelessness during the COVID-19 crisis. Tallahassee benefits greatly by the tireless work that The Kearney Center does to end homelessness.”

About The Kearney Center

The Mission of The Kearney Center is to offers help and hope by creating solutions that provide a path to self-sufficiency to those in poverty.

About Truist Foundation

The Truist Foundation is committed to Truist Financial Corporation’s (NYSE: TFC) purpose to inspire and build better lives and communities. Established in 2020, the foundation makes strategic investments in nonprofit organizations to help ensure the communities it serves have more opportunities for a better quality of life. The Truist Foundation’s grants and activities focus on leadership development, economic mobility, thriving communities and educational equity. Learn more at Truist.com/Truist-Foundation.

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