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Carey Services Celebrates Ribbon Cutting for Pleasant Run Courtyard

New Outdoor Space Made Possible Through Community Multiplier Award from Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis and First Farmers Bank & Trust

Marion, IN - Carey Services proudly celebrated the ribbon cutting of the new Pleasant Run Courtyard on November 3, marking the completion of an innovative outdoor recreation space designed to enhance the lives of individuals with disabilities. This transformative project was made possible through a Community Multiplier award from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis, with First Farmers Bank & Trust serving as the nominating member.

The Pleasant Run Courtyard is a multi-functional outdoor area adjacent to newly constructed accessible duplexes, offering a welcoming environment for wellness activities, physical movement, and informal therapeutic engagement. With features such as accessible walking paths, table and swings, the space promotes both physical and mental health, reinforcing housing stability through improved quality of life.

"This courtyard is more than just a beautiful space. It's a place where people can connect, grow, and thrive," said Jim Allbaugh, President/CEO at Carey Services. "We are grateful to our partners for recognizing the value of this initiative and helping us bring it to life."

The Community Multiplier program from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis is a matching grant program designed to support housing-focused nonprofit organizations through a match commitment from a member financial institution of FHLBank Indianapolis. Carey Services has a longstanding commitment to person-centered supports, including case coordination, health and wellness programming, and employment services. The courtyard will serve as an extension of these services, providing a setting for outdoor programming that supports residents' overall well-being.

In addition to its therapeutic benefits, the courtyard will be used as a career training site through Carey Services' Day Programming. Participants will gain hands-on experience in landscaping, grounds maintenance, and property upkeep - skills that are essential to sustaining affordable housing and building pathways to employment in the industry.

First Farmers Bank & Trust Vice-President Senior Commercial Account Officer Michael Belcher shared, "First Farmers Bank & Trust is proud to partner with Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis to provide this award to Carey Services. We believe in the work they are doing and are happy to be a part of their growth. At First Farmers we say we are a bank built on heart and grit and when you find an organization like Carey Services with the same heart and grit, giving back just comes easy."

"FHLBank Indianapolis commends Carey Services for their dedication to the community and the impactful work they do supporting individuals with intellectual and development disabilities," MaryBeth Wott, SVP, Community Investment and Strategic Planning Officer at FHLBank Indianapolis said. "The

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completion of the Pleasant Run Courtyard will make a real, tangible difference in the lives of program participants and nearby residents for years to come.”

Carey Services extends its heartfelt thanks to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis and First Farmers Bank & Trust for their partnership and vision in making the Pleasant Run Courtyard a reality.

For more information about Carey Services, visit www.careyservices.com.

ABOUT CAREY SERVICES

Carey Services is an internationally accredited premier local provider of home and community-based services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and children and families in early childhood education services. Carey Services is a community-based, positive-difference-making agency providing an array of services to people with disabilities and other low-income individuals and families.

Carey Services provides support and services that are determined through person-centered planning, where individuals and their families direct the planning and allocation of resources to meet their individual life goals. Call (765) 668-8961 or visit www.careyservices.com for more information to seek services or employment opportunities, or to donate. Individuals can also visit the Carey Services Facebook page www.facebook.com/Careyservices.

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