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UNITED COMMUNITY OPTIONS OF BROWARD, PALM BEACH, AND MID-COAST COUNTIES AWARDED \$6,500 GRANT FROM AUTISM LICENSE PLATE PROCEEDS

[FORT LAUDERDALE], FL (December 20, 2017) – United Community Options of Broward, Palm Beach, and Mid-Coast Counties received a \$6,500 grant from funds generated through the sale of the Florida “Support Autism Programs” specialty license plates. The grant will support the new SpectrumTech Training and Technology Center.

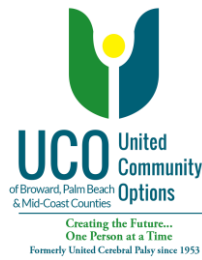
The Autism Services Grants Council awarded a total of \$79,725 in grants to 14 Florida-based nonprofit organizations that provide services and programs for individuals with autism and related disabilities. The funds available through grant opportunities offered by the Autism Services Grants Council, are generated through the sale of the Florida “Support Autism Programs” specialty license plates.

During the summer, Florida nonprofits were invited to submit grant proposals and nearly 60 nonprofits from across the state applied for funding. Priority was given to creative and innovative approaches to serving individuals with autism and their families.

Due to the success of last year’s grants and increased revenue provided by the sale of the “Support Autism Programs” specialty license plate, the Autism Services Grants Council is able to provide twice the amount of funding to awardees this year. Last year was the first year grants were administered.

In 2009, the Florida Legislature authorized the “Support Autism Services” specialty license plate and provided for the creation of the Autism Services Grants Council. The Council oversees a grants process to fund service programs for individuals with autism and related disabilities and their families throughout the state.

For more information on the Florida “Support Autism Programs” specialty license plate, please visit www.autismlicenseplate.com. For more information about United Community Options of Broward, Palm Beach, and Mid-Coast Counties programs, please visit www.unitedcommunityoptionssfl.org.



ABOUT THE AUTISM SERVICES GRANTS COUNCIL (“ASGC”)

In 2009, the Florida Legislature authorized the “Support Autism Services” [specialty autism license plate](#) and provided for the creation of the Autism Services Grants Council (“ASGC”) to oversee a grants process to fund service programs for individuals with autism and related disabilities and their families throughout the state. All funds raised by the ASGC are generated by the sale of the Florida “Support Autism Programs” specialty license plates. For more information visit www.autismlicenseplate.com and “Like” us at facebook.com/AutismLicensePlate.

ABOUT UNITED COMMUNITY OPTIONS OF BROWARD, PALM BEACH, AND MID-COAST COUNTIES, FORMERLY UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY

United Community Options of Broward, Palm Beach, and Mid-Coast Counties is a part of United Community Options of South Florida, a leading not-for-profit agency and a pioneer in providing supports and services that improve the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities, as well as typically developing children and their families. For over 70 years, **United Community Options of South Florida** has “Created the future..... One person at a time” for thousands of people with various needs and challenges in Miami Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties. **United Community Options of South Florida** has over 60 locations that serve more than 1,500 children and adults providing education, training, residential, therapy, respite, in home supports, and advocacy services provided by hundreds of trained and dedicated staff.

ARC Broward, , a nationally accredited, Florida not-for-profit, Sect. 501(c)3 exempt organization, is responsible for marketing the Florida “Support Autism Programs” specialty license plate and administration of the Autism Services Grants Council.