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LAS included in Nashville Foundation Grants Awards

NASHVILLE, TN – The Nashville Bar Foundation, the charitable arm of the Nashville Bar Association, today announced that four local organizations received Bar Foundation grants to support their respective, law related educational and charitable initiatives.

The Family Center received \$2,000 to develop a new program, "Fighting for the Future: Building a Bridge Between family Law and Child Welfare to Prevent Abuse," that will provide training to Nashville area lawyers to increase their knowledge of child abuse, its implications, services available, and to improve communications with service providers. Legal Aid Society of Middle Tennessee and the Cumberlands received \$10,000 to expand the legal help offered to the immigrant and refugee community through its Volunteer Lawyers Program.

Mental Health America of Middle Tennessee received \$1,500 to create an educational seminar focusing on issues that attorneys, mediators, and legal assistants may face when dealing with clients who have personality disorders, high anxiety, or a mental illness or when dealing with their Employee Assistance Programs and the Tennessee Lawyers Assistance Center. Nashville Community Education received \$1,425 to expand The People's Law School, a program that offers a series of free legal classes to the public about important legal issues.

The mission of the Nashville Bar Foundation is to support and expand the provision of law-related educational and charitable programs and services that promote the knowledge, understanding, and respect for the law among students, the general public, and the legal community; to preserve the honor and integrity of the legal profession; to foster collegiality among members of the legal profession; and to

improve the administration of justice throughout the greater Nashville area.

The Foundation also periodically presents the David Rutherford Award to a Fellow of the Foundation who exemplifies the memory and ideals of David Rutherford, which include professionalism, charitable contributions in the legal field and in the community as a whole, and the spirit of collegiality among bench and bar.

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