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VERIZON WIRELESS AWARDS \$9,500 GRANT TO EDGEWOOD CHILDREN'S CENTER

Funds Help Create a Virtual Office for Case Managers

ST. LOUIS—Verizon Wireless today awarded a \$9,500 Verizon Foundation grant to Edgewood Children's Center of St. Louis, a not-for-profit organization that provides therapeutic and educational services to children and their families.

Most of the children Edgewood serves have severe emotional, behavioral and communications disorders, often the result of abuse or neglect. This year Edgewood celebrates 175 years of history and service to the St. Louis community.

Edgewood is using these funds to purchase the computer software and wireless devices required to create a virtual office for its Family & Community Service program case managers.

“We are thankful to Verizon Wireless and the Verizon Foundation for recognizing the vital nature of Edgewood's programs and services,” said Pam Allen, director of Family & Community Services for Edgewood. “A virtual office will enable our case managers to be more mobile and responsive to the immediate needs of clients.”

Edgewood's Family & Community Service program provides foster care case management for children who have been removed from their home as a result of an unsafe environment, with the goal of securing them a permanent home—either through

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family reunification, adoption or guardianship. Edgewood supports this effort by linking families to ongoing services, promoting skill development and providing advocacy.

“Verizon Wireless is humbled by the opportunity to help Edgewood realize simple technological solutions that will directly impact their ability to provide a source of knowledge, hope and stability to families and children,” said Brendan Fallis, president–Kansas/Missouri Region for Verizon Wireless.

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About Edgewood Children’s Center

Founded in 1834, Edgewood Children’s Center provides compassionate care and treatment to restore children and strengthen families through intensive therapy, special education, residential treatment, case management and support services. We serve over 300 children and family members daily. Many of the children we serve have been physically, sexually or emotionally abused, neglected or abandoned. Edgewood is a 501(c)(3), non-profit, nonsectarian, United Way agency. www.eccstl.org

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