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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh Receives \$15,000 Grant from FISA Foundation

Blind and Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh has been awarded a grant of \$15,000 by the FISA Foundation for the expansion of its employment opportunities project serving youth with complex disabilities.

“The FISA Foundation grant is important to our organization and the individuals we serve,” says Erika Arbogast, BVRS president. “These grant funds will enable us to help youth who have various disabilities gain competitive employment, earn a paycheck, and learn the skills necessary to maintain successful employment.”

MORE ABOUT BVRS

Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh, a 101-year-old private nonprofit, has been a leader in programs and services for people of all ages who are blind, vision impaired or have other disabilities. We believe in independence through rehabilitation. Our mission is to change the lives of persons with vision loss and other disabilities by fostering independence and individual choice.

We offer comprehensive and personalized computer instruction, employment and vocational services, personal adjustment to blindness and deaf blindness training, independence skill building, in-home instruction, and low vision services for persons with vision loss. BVRS is a United Way Agency of Excellence in Health and Human Services formerly known as Pittsburgh Vision Services of Oakland and Bridgeville, and is accredited by The National Accreditation Council for Agencies Serving People with Blindness or Vision Impairments (NAC).

ABOUT FISA FOUNDATION

The mission of FISA Foundation is to build a culture of respect and improve the quality of life for three populations in southwestern Pennsylvania: women, girls and people with disabilities. For 100 years, FISA has been led by women and focused on responding to unmet community needs. Originally founded in 1911 by an organization that became known as the Federation of Independent School Alumnae to improve the lives of poor and working class women, the organization underwent a metamorphosis over the years. In 1956, to meet the needs of people with disabilities, the Federation converted its convalescent home into Harmarville Rehabilitation Center, which became recognized internationally for excellence and innovation. In 1996, Harmarville was sold, and the FISA Foundation was established to continue the charitable work of the Federation in the southwestern Pennsylvania region. Learn more about FISA at www.fisafoundation.org.

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