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CHILDSAVERS AWARDED \$100,000 GRANT FROM SENTARA HEALTHCARE

RICHMOND, VA – ChildSavers is pleased to announce a \$100,000 grant has been awarded from Sentara Healthcare to support the Mental Health Services (MHS) program.

ChildSavers' MHS program helps children build resilience to trauma by providing trauma intervention, psychiatric, outpatient, and school-based clinical services. ChildSavers specializes in trauma-informed, expressive therapies that include art, sand tray, and play. Sessions focus on establishing safety, healing after trauma, forming healthy bonds, developing emotional regulation, identifying resources, and honing resiliency.

This new funding from Sentara Healthcare helps close the gap left from insurance reimbursements (typically less than half the actual cost) as well as non-billable time spent providing comprehensive treatment with children, families, caregivers, and caseworkers.

Chief Executive Officer, L. Robert Bolling said, "We are thrilled to receive this important grant from Sentara Healthcare. 1 in 5 children may have a mental health condition, and in our service area, that's about 58,000 children. This money will directly help children in our communities and provide them the tools to be safe, happy, healthy, and ready to learn."

About ChildSavers

ChildSavers is a Central Virginia nonprofit organization whose mission is to guide our community's children through life's critical moments with trauma-informed mental health and child development services. ChildSavers is the only nonprofit in Virginia using a coordinated prevention and intervention model to prepare children for school, address mental health, and recover from trauma.

Nearly 100 years ago, ChildSavers was established as the Children's Memorial Clinic in memory of Dr. McGuire Newton, one of Richmond's first pediatricians. Martha Patteson Bowie Branch connected concerned citizens to create an innovative agency "for the purpose of giving complete physical and mental examinations, free of charge, to all children who may need the same."

ChildSavers is a community-supported nonprofit governed by a volunteer Board of Directors. They are licensed by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services and accredited by the Council on Accreditation for Child and Family Services. Their offices are located at 200 North 22nd Street in the East End of Richmond. To learn more about their programs and services visit www.childsavers.org or call (804) 644.9590.

About Sentara

Sentara Healthcare celebrates more than 130 years in pursuit of its mission – “we improve health every day.” Sentara is an integrated, not-for-profit health care delivery system with more than 29,000 employees (including 1,375 physicians and advanced practice providers), 12 hospitals in Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina and the Sentara Health Plans division which serves over 900,000 members. Sentara is recognized nationally for clinical quality and safety, and is strategically focused on innovation and creating an extraordinary health care experience for our patients and members. Sentara was named to IBM Watson Health’s “Top 15 Health Systems” in 2021 and 2018, recognized as a “Best Employer for Women” by Forbes in 2020, and ranked as one of Forbes “America’s Best Employers” in 2018.

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