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George C. Forsythe Family Foundation Funds CPR Materials for Achievement Academy

LAKELAND, FL (August 29, 2017) – The **George C. Forsythe Family Foundation** provided funding for CPR materials and training for the staff of **Achievement Academy**. The items included junior and baby training mannequins, Heartstart trainer pads and CPR instructor training cost. “This training is vital to all 62 staff members. They will master and keep their certifications current to save lives in case of a crisis situation” said Laurie Turner, RN, Achievement Academy’s school nurse. Children with special needs are often medically fragile and not able to advocate for themselves. Teachers and staff are responsible for providing the best quality of care.

*The Achievement Academy serves children from birth through age five with various developmental delays and disabilities. The Achievement Academy offers two programs, each provided at no cost to the child or family. The first program is a **Charter School** that offers specialized instruction by certified teachers; small class sizes; individual speech, occupational and physical therapies; and assistive technologies that enable each student to reach his or her full potential at one of the Achievement Academy’s three campus locations (Lakeland, Winter Haven and Bartow). The second is a "**Birth to Three Program**" that provides early intervention services to infants and toddlers who are "at-risk" for developmental delays and/or have been identified with a specific delay. Professional Early Interventionists serve these children and their families. More than half of the Birth to Three Program’s budget is funded by a generous allocation from the United Way of Central Florida.*