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Dedicated Donors provide Achievement Academy's Winter Haven Campus with AED

Polk County, FL (September 5, 2017) – **Steve and Sandy Earley** recently presented the **Achievement Academy** with an automated external defibrillator (AED) for its Winter Haven campus. An AED is a portable device that checks the heart rhythm and can send an electric shock to the heart to try to restore a normal rhythm. AEDs are used to treat sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. The unit will provide a potentially life-saving piece of equipment for our students and staff.

“We are thankful for the support Steve and Sandy Earley have given the Achievement Academy for more than 30 years,” said Stacy Williams, CFRE, and Achievement Academy’s Development Director. Steve Earley retired from Mosaic in 2012 after being employed by the company for 47 years. He continues to be active in his community.

ABOUT THE ACHIEVEMENT ACADEMY: *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.*

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(L-R) Steve Earley, Achievement Academy School Nurse Laurie Turner, RN, and Sandy Earley with the AED the Earleys donated to the Achievement Academy Winter Haven campus.