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FAMILY ELDERCARE AWARDED \$17,000 FROM WOMEN'S FUND OF CENTRAL TEXAS

Austin, TX - Family Eldercare, a local non-profit in Austin dedicated to improving the quality of life for older adults and those who care for them has been awarded \$17,000 from the Women's Fund of Central Texas, one of only 9 grants awarded. Funding will support 20 women to receive training to improve their job skills and earning capacity. These women work as Care Attendants for Family Eldercare's In-Home Care and Caregiver Services program and provide direct care to older adults to help them live as independently as possible. Care Attendants will receive training to become certified as a Nurse Aid. This training is a Care Attendants first step to building a career in the growing health care industry. Participants who complete the training will be eligible for a salary increase as a result of their increased skills.

The grant will benefit three generations of women in Travis and Williamson Counties – women working as Care Attendants will earn higher wages while building a career path, their children will have an improved quality of life, and older adults and caregivers in the community will benefit from staff who have more skills and greater job satisfaction.

"Family Eldercare is thrilled to receive this award and recognition from the Women's Fund of Central Texas. Our Care Attendants are critical to our work and provide direct care to older adults that helps maintain dignity, independence and a good quality of life. This grant provides an opportunity to recognize the contributions of these committed women and to provide them with increased training, increased earning capacity and greater employment options. We are very grateful to the Women's Fund for their support." Angela Atwood, Co-Executive Director, Family Eldercare.

About The Women's Fund:

The Women's Fund of Central Texas is a philanthropic fund established to benefit women and children. Members of the Women's Fund combine their resources – the "Power of the Purse"- to award grants annually to improve the lives of women and children in our community, whether through arts and culture, education, health or human service programs. www.womensfundofcentraltexas.org

About Family Eldercare:

For nearly 30 years, Family Eldercare has supported aging in community by helping seniors in Central Texas live safely and as independently as possible, regardless of their income level or ability to pay. Family Eldercare advocates for those who can't advocate for themselves. Family Eldercare currently serves over 6,600 individuals and their caregivers.

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