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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

HILLCROFT AWARDED \$150,000 GRANT TO SUPPORT NEW ABA CLINIC LOCATION IN PENDLETON

(December 5, 2022) – Hillcroft Services, Inc., a local provider of services for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for nearly 70 years, has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from the Avis Foundation, Inc. The grant is in support of the recently opened ABA Clinic located in Pendleton, which is an expansion of the service model already offered by the ABA Clinic located in Muncie.

The completely renovated 6,000 square foot facility that opened in May of 2022, has the capacity to employ up to 12 full-time staff and serve up to nine children and young adults diagnosed with Autism and related disorders. The ABA Clinic uses a combined approach of both Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) and Verbal Behavior (VB) to provide hands-on, personalized instruction to children ages 2 – 19.

Marty Songer, Executive Director of the Avis Foundation, Inc., stated, "Hillcroft Services has a proven history of supporting individuals with a variety of challenges, including those on the autism spectrum. Its work fits well with the Avis Foundation mission, and we are pleased to support the expansion of Hillcroft's ABA Clinic in Pendleton and autism-related services."

Debbie Bennett, President & CEO of Hillcroft said, "Hillcroft Services is thrilled to partner with the Avis Foundation, Inc. to positively impact children on the autism spectrum. The Avis Foundation provided the majority of capital necessary to prepare a much-needed facility for ABA services in the Pendleton area. This generous funding will have a lifelong impact for the children served by our clinic. We are so grateful for their support of our mission as they partner with us to change lives!"

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About The Avis Foundation, Inc.

The Avis Foundation, Inc. is a private charitable foundation that awards grants to 501(c)(3) public charities as determined by the IRS. The mission of the Avis Foundation, Inc. is to make impactful gifts to organizations devoted to improving quality of life in communities through their commitment to the arts, education, entrepreneurship, and autism. Founded in 2006 by Leland and LaRita Boren, the Avis Foundation, Inc. today continues the philanthropic legacy of its benefactors to organizations benefiting others.

About Hillcroft Services, Inc.

Hillcroft Services, Inc. provides residential, employment, and community support services to individuals with disabilities in several counties in East Central Indiana. The mission of Hillcroft is: "To provide innovative services and supports for People with disabilities and their families; resulting in extraordinary differences in People's lives." Hillcroft is focused on creating a culture of strong values, understanding the importance of ethical behavior, and maintaining high quality services to the people we serve.

If you would like more information on how you can support Hillcroft Services Inc., please visit <https://www.hillcroft.org/contribute/> or contact Dan Wolfert at 765-284-4166 Ext. 1108 or dwolfert@hillcroft.org.

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