



# News Release

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## Lifesteps Receives \$60,000 Grant from FISA Foundation

BUTLER, PA – Lifesteps has been awarded a grant of \$60,000 by the FISA Foundation to broaden its continuum of services for those with disabilities.

“The FISA Foundation grant is important to our organization,” says Karen Sue Owens, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lifesteps. “These grant funds will enable us to prioritize our needs in order to enhance and strengthen the integration of services with our subsidiaries.”

Lifesteps, founded in 1923, offers family-focused services in a caring, nurturing environment to western Pennsylvania communities. Services include free child developmental/Autism screenings for children; Early Education Centers offering child care, preschool and summer discovery programs for children of all abilities; a medically-monitored day program for older adults; and programs and services for adults with developmental/intellectual disabilities including Behavioral Support Services, Adult Training Facilities, Community Homes, and Life Sharing. Lifesteps is a member agency with the United Way of Armstrong, Beaver, Butler and Indiana Counties. For more information call Lifesteps at 800-225-1010 or log on to [www.lifesteps.net](http://www.lifesteps.net)

The mission of the FISA Foundation is to build a culture of respect and improve the quality of life for three populations in southwestern Pennsylvania: women, girls and people with disabilities. For over 100 years, FISA has been led by women and focused on responding to unmet community needs. Originally founded in 1911 by an organization that became known as the Federation of Independent School Alumnae to improve the lives of poor and working class women, the organization underwent a metamorphosis over the years. In 1956, to meet the needs of people with disabilities, the Federation converted its

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convalescent home into Harmarville Rehabilitation Center, which became recognized internationally for excellence and innovation. In 1996, Harmarville was sold, and the FISA Foundation was established to continue the charitable work of the Federation in the southwestern Pennsylvania region. Learn more about FISA at [www.fisafoundation.org](http://www.fisafoundation.org).

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