

Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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The Honorable Ed Hooper Chairman Senate Appropriations 202 Senate Building 404 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

The Honorable Jay Trumbull
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee on Health and Human Services
415 Senate Building
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

RE: Scholarship Blessings for Transitions Life Center

Transitions Life Center (TLC) is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is to provide a safe, caring and enriching community for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. TLC focuses on strengthening independence, building friendships, expanding their world, and growing in faith.

TLC provides a day program Monday through Friday for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. In 2023, they received state funding to expand their operational building to service twice as many adults. As they grow, they want to help as many individuals as possible. They are requesting \$250,000 so that they can provide scholarships to individuals who might not be able to afford the tuition of \$50 dollars a day or those who do not have access to state benefits.

We are so fortunate that TLC calls Marion County home. Marion County is a proud partner of TLC by providing them with grant funding for previous projects. Additionally, we provided TLC with a special proclamation to showcase the great work they are doing in our community. We support TLC and we encourage you to fund their request to provide scholarships for individuals who can't afford to attend TLC on their own.

Thank you for your consideration. Please reach out if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Kathy Bryant Chairman, Marion County Board of County Commissioners

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