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Kentucky Colonels Awarding \$1.5 Million *SAFY of Kentucky receives award*

(LOUISVILLE), Kentucky – Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY) recently received a grant from the Kentucky Colonels in the amount of \$4,640 to purchase furniture for youth aging out of foster care and beginning life on their own.

SAFY has a long history of improving the safety and well-being of families, children and the community. Our Older Youth/Independent Living services promote healthy development and prepare youth emancipating from the foster care and/or juvenile justice system for self-reliance and independent living.

Each year more than 5,000 children enter foster care in the state of Kentucky, joining the more than 8,000 youth already in care. Over 700 of these youth age out of care each year without the safety and support of a home or family.

"A Kentucky Colonel is more than just a certificate, it's a group of compassionate individuals that care about the citizens of Kentucky and who want to make a difference. We harness our members' generous donations and award grants to not-for-profits to help those most in need throughout the Commonwealth."

– *Barbara Dutschke, Commanding General of the Board of Trustees of the Kentucky Colonels*

The Kentucky Colonels is an organization of talented and capable men and women appointed by the Governor because of their citizenship and service. Their primary objective is to support Kentucky organizations who stand ready to help our citizens everywhere. The Kentucky Colonels, through their Good Works Program, distributed \$1.5 million to support 171 worthy causes this year, which will impact over 3 million people across the state.

To learn more about SAFY, call 800-532-7239 or visit SAFY.org.

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About SAFY. Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth (SAFY) of America is a national non-profit organization creating healthy youth and families through community-based solutions. Building upon our reputation as a leader in therapeutic foster care services, our comprehensive home- and community-based programs serve those with social



service and behavioral health needs in eight states including Alabama, Colorado, Indiana, Kentucky, Nevada, Ohio, and South Carolina. To learn more about our programs and services, call 800.532.7239 or visit www.SAFY.org.

