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**The Wardle Family Foundation awards Foothills a \$10,000 grant
in support of the *Stewards of Children* program**

(CHARLOTTESVILLE) – The Wardle Family Foundation has awarded Foothills Child Advocacy Center a \$10,000 grant for the *Stewards of Children* child abuse prevention training program.

Through its Public Education and Outreach Program, Foothills works to educate adults about the prevalence and impact of child abuse, their responsibility to identify, report, and stop child maltreatment, how to prevent child abuse, and the best way to respond to child victims.

Thanks to the support of the Wardle Family Foundation, Foothills has offered the nationally recognized *Stewards of Children* training since 2010. The *Stewards of Children* program is designed for parents, grandparents, and every adult who is concerned about the safety and well-being of children. The program educates adults on ways to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program believes and teaches that child safety is the responsibility of adults and gives adults the tools necessary to protect children.

Cathee Johnson Phillips, Foothills' executive director, said, "We are so grateful for the continued and generous support of the Wardle Family Foundation. It is very important that adults in our community understand how to keep the kids they care about safe. This training empowers them to do so."

Stewards of Children training is approved for 2 hours of Continuing Education Unit Credits (CEUs) by the National Association of Social Workers (#886458319-2184) and the National Board of Certified Counselors (#ACEP 6635).

To schedule a training, please call Jane Tirrell, the Foothills administrative coordinator, at 434-971-7233, ext. 0, or contact her via e-mail at jtirrell@foothillscac.org.

For more information, please contact Cathee Johnson Phillips, the Foothills executive director at 434-971-7233, ext. 4, or cjphillips@foothillscac.org or visit <http://www.foothillscac.org/stewards-of-children.html>.

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