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Partnership Announces Addition of New Female-Only House in Transitional Housing Program

(Chattanooga, TN) December 27, 2018- Partnership for Families, Children, and Adults recently received approval for a female-only house in their existing transitional housing program that has previously only served males aging out of the foster care system.

The Tennessee Department of Children's Services, Independent Living, approved the home that will house three young women who are working towards living a life on their own.

"This is a supervised independent living situation, made possible by our collaboration with Pathways for Young Adults," said Sarah Elghalban, program director.

"The young women must be enrolled in school and have a part-time job. Our case managers meet with each resident at least once a week and we provide supportive services like cell phones, grocery money, transportation to and from school or work, all while developing permanency plan for their future."

Each resident will be eligible for a Section 8 low-income housing voucher after one year in the program but can stay until their 22nd birthday.

This is one of several programs Partnership provides and will continue to as they rebrand the services offered to youth in the area. Now known as the River City Youth Collective (RCYC), additional initiatives will roll-out in 2019.

For more information, contact Independent Living Coordinator Deroneasha Smartt at dsmartt@partnershipfca.com or 423-876-8445.

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The Partnership for Families, Children and Adults has been serving the Tennessee Valley community for 140 years through professional counseling, crisis intervention, and prevention services. It began with the 1877 establishment of the Ladies Aid Society, which later became the Florence Crittenton Home. Under direction of United Way, The Florence Crittenton Service, Family Service Agency and Travelers Aid Society merged into Community Services of Greater Chattanooga, Inc. in 1973. In 1981, the agency assumed the name Family and Children's Services of Chattanooga, Inc., and in 2003 became the Partnership for Families, Children and Adults.