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Vista Autism Services Awarded T-Mobile Hometown Grant to Enhance Learning Spaces for Students with Autism

Hershey, PA – March 20, 2025 – **Vista Autism Services** is proud to announce that it has been selected as a recipient of the **T-Mobile Hometown Grant**, an initiative that supports community development projects across the country. The grant will provide critical funding to enhance learning environments at The Vista School, ensuring that students with autism have access to engaging, flexible, and sensory-friendly classrooms that support their unique educational needs.

“At The Vista School, we are dedicated to creating an educational environment where students with autism can thrive,” said Gaynelle Dillsworth, Executive Director of The Vista School. *“Thanks to the support of the T-Mobile Hometown Grant, we can transform our classrooms into more engaging, flexible, and sensory-friendly learning spaces that meet the unique needs of our students. These enhancements will not only improve the daily learning experience but will also empower our students with the tools they need to build independence and reach their full potential. We are grateful to T-Mobile for investing in the future of our students and strengthening our mission to provide high-quality, individualized education.”*

The grant funding will be used to implement classroom upgrades that promote hands-on learning, enhance sensory regulation, and foster a more inclusive educational environment. These improvements will directly benefit students by providing them with more adaptive spaces designed to accommodate various learning styles and sensory sensitivities.

“This generous grant from T-Mobile is more than just an investment in classrooms—it’s an investment in our entire community,” said Nzenalu Obinelo, CEO of Vista Autism Services. *“By enhancing the learning spaces at The Vista School, we are fostering a more inclusive and supportive environment where students with autism can develop essential skills for lifelong success. When we strengthen our classrooms, we strengthen families, educators, and the broader community that supports them. We deeply appreciate T-Mobile’s commitment to making a meaningful impact in communities like ours, and we are excited to see the lasting benefits this transformation will bring.”*

Vista Autism Services is dedicated to empowering individuals with autism and their families through science-based, data-driven approaches to education and support. The T-Mobile Hometown Grant will enable Vista to expand its mission by equipping its classrooms with essential tools that enhance learning outcomes and create a more supportive and enriching experience for students.

For more information about the T-Mobile Hometown Grant including media assets read their official press release, visit <https://www.t-mobile.com/news/un-carrier/t-mobile-reaches-16-million-in-funding-for-hometown-grants> .

To learn more about T-Mobile’s commitment to small towns, visit www.t-mobile.com/hometowngrants . To see how Hometown Grants are creating change in communities across the country, visit <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL0mz2nejZ-Div5ca5rUoO2wcNNFHjGR59> .

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News media are invited to attend a check presentation ceremony on Wednesday, April 16th at 1 p.m. Representatives from T-Mobile will present a ceremonial check to Vista Autism Services in an open house event held in The Vista School gym. The event will include Vista School staff, students, and parents. Media interested in attending should reach out to John Gutknecht to confirm attendance.

About Vista Autism Services

Vista Autism Services is a trusted leader in autism support, dedicated to empowering individuals with autism and their families through comprehensive, science-based, and data-driven approaches. Since its founding in 2002 by a group of innovative parents and

professionals, Vista has set the standard for excellence in autism services, integrating Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) into every aspect of care.

Headquartered in Hershey, PA, Vista provides a continuum of services across 11 specialized programs, supporting over 500 individuals from diagnosis through adulthood. Our highly trained professionals deliver personalized, evidence-based interventions designed to enhance independence, inclusion, and well-being.

Our Services Include:

- **The Vista School** – A licensed Approved Private School (APS) serving students ages 5–21, offering Educationally Integrated Behavioral Services and Transition Services.
- **Early Childhood & School-Aged Programs** – Including Early Intervention, ABA Services, Outreach Services, and Consortium Vista Education (CoVE) Autism Support Classrooms.
- **Adult Services** – Providing Behavior Support, Employment Services, Day Services, and Intensive In-Home and Community Services to promote lifelong growth and success.

Vista's integrity, compassion, and excellence drive our mission to help individuals with autism reach their unique potential. Learn more at www.vistaautismservices.org.

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