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### **Community Foundation Awards Family Counseling Service \$10,000 Grant**

This October, the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley approved a \$10,000 grant to Family Counseling Service (FCS) to assist with construction costs for the “Garage” project at FCS.

The Garage (so named because the original space was a repair garage for a number of auto dealerships for much of the 1900’s) will serve as a life skills training center for local children and adolescents who have a variety of emotional and behavioral challenges, helping them develop the basic life skills necessary to become successful adults in the community. “It’s hard enough to successfully grow into adulthood in today’s society; adding a mental health issue only makes that process more difficult for the kids we serve,” said FCS Executive Director Dr. Eric Ward. When completed, the Garage will serve more than 300 children each year, utilizing a full training kitchen, classroom space, game area, computer lab, and more.

#### **About Family Counseling Service**

FCS is a nonprofit organization serving the Fox River Valley community since 1925. FCS provides a full spectrum of behavioral healthcare and mentoring services to more than 4,000 families each year. For more information, call (630) 844-2662 or visit FCS’s website at [www.aurorafcs.org](http://www.aurorafcs.org).

#### **About the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley**

The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley is a non-profit, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization that administers individual charitable funds from which grants and scholarships are distributed to benefit the citizens of the Greater Aurora Area, the TriCities and Kendall County, Illinois. Founded in 1948, the Foundation provides a simple and powerful approach to charitable giving. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations have the opportunity to custom design their own named funds that reflect their charitable goals and interests. Since its inception, the Community Foundation has grown to more than \$75 million in assets and has awarded more than \$60 million in grants and scholarships. For more information on the Foundation, visit [www.CommunityFoundationFRV.org](http://www.CommunityFoundationFRV.org).

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