JVS BOSTON RECEIVES SIGNATURE GRANT FROM DOUG FLUTIE, JR. FOUNDATION FOR AUTISM FOR $10,000

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Boston, MA (February 14, 2022) - JVS Boston is pleased to announce it has received a $10,000 grant from The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism. These funds will provide vital operating support for the Career and Community Access program (CCAP), a partnership between JVS and House of Possibilities, serving transition age youth (ages 22-35) with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities. JVS provides participants in the CCAP program with industry-focused training that equips them with the skills needed to progress from group-supported employment or entry-level employment to a career pathway job.

“This grant from the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism will help us provide 1:1 career coaching and support to clients as they enter the workforce,” says Jeff Gentry, Director of Disability Services at JVS Boston. “Partnering with our friends from the House of Possibilities, the Flutie Foundation funding will help our clients live more independently, with fuller access to all of the incredible resources Boston has to offer.”

Funding from The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism will help JVS provide one-to-one career coaching and support that participants in the CCAP program need to sustain and advance employment, directly impacting individuals with disabilities, including approximately 40% of CCAP participants who live with autism.

“The Flutie Foundation Signature Grants help our partner agencies address a variety of significant needs in the autism community, says Nick Savarese, Executive Director of the Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. “Programs like these are helping people on the autism spectrum live life to the fullest and we are proud to support their efforts.

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About JVS Boston

Jewish Vocational Service in Boston (JVS) is among the oldest and largest providers of adult education and workforce development services in Greater Boston. A nonprofit, nonsectarian organization, JVS was founded in 1938 during the Great Depression to assist Jewish immigrants struggling to enter the American workforce and support their families. Today, our diverse clientele represents over 100 nations and speaks more than 60 languages. JVS’s mission is to empower individuals from diverse
communities to find employment and build careers, while partnering with employers to hire, develop, and retain productive workforces. We approach this goal through a progression of services, enabling individuals to strengthen skills, access jobs, and build their careers. The agency has provided employment services and supports to people with disabilities in Greater Boston for more than 50 years, helping them gain the skills needed to find competitive employment.

About The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism

The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism, based in Framingham, MA, awards grants annually through a competitive application and review process. The signature grants that the Flutie Foundation distributed this year support traditionally under-served, under-funded, culturally diverse communities reflected in the Foundation’s areas of interest; providing a path for educational and vocational skills, supporting recreational and active lifestyles, and ensuring people with autism are safe, supported and informed.