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**Local Nonprofit, Adler's Voice Receives an \$8,000 Grant
From the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation**

BEND, OR – On January 12, 2017, Adler's Voice received an \$8,000 grant from the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation to continue their training program for children using Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices. Adler's Voice Executive Director, Stephanie Utzman, said, "We are so incredibly grateful for our continued partnership with Cow Creek, for their support of our mission, and our shared belief that every child deserves to be heard."

She adds, "Children experiencing disability along with complex communication disorders that affect their ability to communicate verbally are some of the most vulnerable children in our community. Technology is a game changer for these children, as it serves as their voice, giving them independence, autonomy and self-determination. But learning to communicate via technology is like learning a foreign language. Through our partnership with Cow Creek, we will continue to provide much needed training to children, their families and support staff in the implementation of their new communication device."

About Adler's Voice

Adler's Voice is an Oregon nonprofit organization that provides support to all individuals who experience a complex communication disorder and their families, care providers and educators, as well as professionals in the field of speech-language pathology and Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC). Through our three key services – Training, AAC Grants, and Advocacy – we strive to provide all individuals in Oregon with access to communication, the opportunity to communi-



cate, and the freedom to communicate. The mission of the Cow Creek Umpqua Indian Foundation is to offer assistance in youth education, to strengthen youth and family, to provide youth development and to add to the quality of life for people in southwestern Oregon.

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