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**Local Nonprofit, Adler's Voice Receives \$10,000 of Grants  
for Abuse Prevention Program**

BEND, OR – Local Nonprofit, Adler's Voice was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant by the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and a grant of the same amount by the Wildhorse Foundation of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, both intended to support our child abuse prevention and awareness program "End the Silence! Speaking Out Against Abuse."

In the course of this program, Adler's Voice will not only provide information and resources for parents and caregivers on how to recognize signs of abuse and how to report suspicions of abuse, but also work with prosecutors and law enforcement authorities in order to develop a range of effective AAC-based strategies for interviewing victims of abuse who experience speech and language disorders or intellectual and developmental disabilities. The grant awarded to Adler's Voice by the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund is intended specifically for bringing the abuse prevention and awareness program to Marion County, Oregon. The grant from Wildhorse Foundation will be used to bring the program to Umatilla, Morrow, Grant, and Union Counties.

**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 communicate, and the freedom to communicate.

We believe that every human being has the right to communicate, regardless of method or modality, and that communication challenges should not be a barrier to safety and protection. We believe that every human being deserves to live a life free of abuse and exploitation. We believe that every human being has the right to have their voice heard, to have their reports of abuse investigated, to access the criminal justice system, and to receive the treatment necessary to recover from the trauma of abuse.

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