



## Center for Independent Living IN CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC.

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### **GRANT TO INCREASE INDEPENDENCE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES IN CENTRAL FLORIDA**

WINTER PARK, FL – JUNE 11, 2009 – The Center for Independent Living in Central Florida (CIL) has been awarded a grant of \$21,300 from the Community Foundation of Central Florida to increase independence for people with disabilities by building wheelchair ramps and providing batteries for electric wheelchairs. This project is funded by a grant from the Winter Park Community Foundation funds of the Community Foundation of Central Florida, Inc.

CIL Outreach Director Doug Davis says, “This grant funding comes at a critical time. The slumping economy has made meeting the increasing needs of people with disabilities in Central Florida a challenge. Functioning electric wheelchairs and wheelchair ramps are essential to help preserve the independence and dignity of people with disabilities. On behalf of the consumers we serve, I thank the Community Foundation of Central Florida for funding this important program. “

Established in 1994 to advance local philanthropy while responding to community needs and supporting charitable organizations, the Community Foundation fulfills its mission by managing and investing donor funds; connecting people with causes they feel passionate about and empowering donors to make informed decisions through research and evaluation. Today the Community Foundation has assets of more than \$36 million and has made grants of more than \$21 million.

CIL served nearly 1,800 consumers last year with employment services, accessibility modifications, American Sign Language interpreters for the deaf and hard of hearing, training, education and more. CIL is a United Way partner agency and accredited by CARF. Established in 1976, the Center for Independent Living in Central Florida is a private, non-residential, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people with disabilities achieve their self-determined goals for independent living.

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