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### **PEACE Zone Receives City of Evansville Endowment Fund Grant**

(Evansville, IN - November 26, 2013) – Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare, Inc. is pleased to announce it received a \$3,937 grant from the City of Evansville Endowment Fund on November 13<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of installing a wheelchair friendly sidewalk and additional lighting in the courtyard entrance of PEACE Zone. These funds will allow PEACE Zone to make its services accessible to a wider audience and enhance safety of the entrance. PEACE Zone is in the process of establishing their 501(c)(3) status and currently Southwestern Behavioral Healthcare is PEACE Zone’s fiscal sponsor.

PEACE Zone was founded in 2012 has been in operation since February 28, 2013. It provides peer support, socialization opportunities, physical wellness activities, and recovery groups to individuals struggling with mental health issues. The Center is on target to reach its 3,000th visit (including repeat visits) by the end of 2013.

Faren Levell, PEACE Zone Board of Directors President, states “Everyone's pathway in recovery is unique to that individual and we must meet the individual where the need is. For this reason, I'm very grateful for receiving the funds from the City of Evansville Endowment Fund to improve the community's access to PEACE Zone. With these funds, we can provide a safe and easy entrance for all individuals who wish to participate in the vast array of services offered.”

The City of Evansville Endowment Fund, a supporting organization of the Community Foundation Alliance, Inc., originated in 1994 when \$5 million in gaming revenue was set aside under the direction of Frank McDonald II to serve the community of Evansville forever.

For additional information about PEACE Zone, contact Lori Rivera at 812.436.4352 or [rival@peaceevansville.org](mailto:rival@peaceevansville.org)

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**About PEACE (Peer Empowerment & Advocacy in the Community of Evansville)**  
**Zone Recovery Center**

PEACE Zone is a peer-run recovery center (run by individuals in recovery from mental health issues). Founded in 2012 and opened for operation in February, 2013, PEACE Zone has had over 2,831 visits to the Center since opening.

PEACE Zone offers support to individuals age 18 and older who live with mental health issues, such as depression and anxiety. Center offerings include recovery and wellness groups, peer support, socialization opportunities, physical wellness activities, and art expression groups.

**Hours:**

Tuesday 3:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday and Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Closed Friday - Monday

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