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## **CareerSource Central Florida Receives \$80K in Sponsorships from Community Organizations to Provide Scholarships for Young Adults to Access College and Career Readiness Summer Program**

**Orlando, Fla.**, --- Central Florida revered and trusted organizations, Addition Financial, Dr. Phillips Charities and the .decimal@ company have made a financial contribution to positively impact the lives of local young adults by becoming a Sponsor of CareerSource Central Florida's (CSCF) Summer Youth Program. Because of their generosity, young adults experienced a summer of professional development and career exploration that would not have occurred without their financial commitment. CSCF has created sponsorship opportunities for businesses to provide a scholarship to a young adult who does not meet the federal funding guidelines associated with the program and make a long-term impact that fuels their future career success.

CSCF's Summer Youth Program offers three college and career readiness programs, designed for students and young professionals ages 16-19 who are beginning their college and career journey. The program features exclusive access to industry training, professional internship, campus tours and other helpful resources to ensure that no student must make their journey alone.

"CareerSource Central Florida shares a mutual commitment with its valued community partners to invest in our future leaders. Every partnership is rooted in the belief that our organizations have the power to make a lasting impact to inspire the youth of Central Florida," said Pamela Nabors, CSCF President and CEO. "Their sponsorship helps us deliver educational programs and career path options to a new generation of workforce, and we are extremely grateful for their financial commitment to us and to these students."

As sponsors, their value is promoted through CSCF's events and workshops that help develop life skills including financial literacy, problem-solving, networking, communicating, career exploration and more. The Summer Youth Program Scholarship Packages include Silver, Gold, and Platinum options for an individual or a business who can donate a voluntary amount.

Addition Financial, a Lake Mary-based credit union, donated \$40,000 that underwrite scholarships for six youth and provided specialized youth bank accounts for participants to help them gain financial literacy and establish healthy budgeting habits early on. The credit union will also provide quarterly financial education webinars, along with on-site seminars. It will also participate in CSCF's events and serve as a resource for career seekers in need of a trusted financial institution.

"We at Addition Financial are proud to be the platinum sponsor of this summer program and to continue our partnership with CareerSource Central Florida," said Katie Thomason, Vice President of Community Engagement and Partnerships. "With our roots in education, we are

passionate about helping members of all ages make positive money management decisions and look forward to guiding them along their financial journeys.”

For President and CEO of .decimal® — a manufacturing company for on-demand design and delivery of custom, patient-specific treatment devices for cancer patients — Richard Sweat, creating a channel for youth talent that connects them to employers is a career passport for the future. The company donated \$15,000.

In a recent statement expressed to CSCF by Dr. Phillips Charities Chief Executive Officer, Ken Robinson for the \$25,000 donation, he said that Dr. Phillips Charities provides grant funding to respond to the needs of the community and directly make a difference in the lives of children and families. “We gladly support CareerSource Central Florida in its goal to provide educational growth and increase career opportunities for our community’s youth,” he added.

Dr. Phillips Charities is comprised of The Dr. Philip Phillips Foundation and Dr. Phillips, Inc. These two distinct funding organizations are well known in Central Florida for demonstrating support to organizations and valuable community efforts that impact the economy.

The Summer Youth Program has registered approximately 1,100 youth participants this year with a potential economic impact of nearly \$3M in the region, with the program launched July 6. Last summer, CSCF successfully served nearly 1,000 youth with an economic impact of more than \$1.7M in Central Florida.

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*CareerSource Central Florida (CSCF) is Florida’s second largest regional workforce board that is state and federally funded with an annual operating budget of \$30.5 million. CSCF provides comprehensive services to connect career seekers and local businesses at no cost. Services include screening and hiring talent; employee training and education; paid internships and no cost skills training and education programs. In fiscal year 2019-2020, CSCF served nearly 80,000 career seekers and 4,000 businesses. It helped advance skills for more than 1,800 career seekers and placed more than 6,300 individuals in jobs across Orange, Osceola, Seminole, Lake and Sumter Counties. For more information, visit [www.CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com](http://www.CareerSourceCentralFlorida.com).*