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The Speech-Language Institute of Salus University Receives \$15,500 Grant from Eagles Autism Foundation

Elkins Park, P.a. - The Speech-Language Institute (SLI) of Salus University was awarded a \$15,500 grant from the Eagles Autism Foundation in support of their work with clients who have autism.

The grant will support the purchase of Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) devices for clients with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and will be used during therapy sessions for clients and caregiver training. In addition, the SLI will be able to lend AAC devices to clients who need them. The funding provided by this grant will support the SLI's mission to provide access to communication for clients with ASD.

"The SLI of Salus University is incredibly grateful to be recipients of the Eagles Autism Foundation Grant. The funds we receive from this grant will allow us to have an even broader reach in supporting our clients and their families who are impacted by autism, and will support our mission in ensuring all individuals have a voice," said Kara Maharay, MS, CCC-SLP, BCS-S, SLI Director of Clinical Education.

Since launching the Eagles Autism Challenge in 2018, the Eagles Autism Foundation has raised more than \$20 million and funded 83 research projects and community grants.

"Once again, Dr. Emanuel DiCicco-Bloom and his esteemed panel of colleagues facilitated a thoughtful and well-organized scientific review process that went on to identify 20 projects, all of which have the potential to produce groundbreaking results in the field of autism. This process even led us to discover and fund our first global project. In many ways, 2022 was a record-setting year for the Eagles Autism Foundation, but we know there is more work to be done. We look forward to expanding on our mission and

assisting even more families with the help of our community, fans, partners, and supporters,” said Jeffrey Lurie, chairman and CEO of the Philadelphia Eagles.

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About Salus University

Salus University, founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1919, today is a diversified, globally recognized professional academic center of learning that offers a wide range of degree programs in the professions of Optometry, Audiology, Physician Assistant, Blindness and Low Vision Studies, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy, Speech-Language Pathology and Orthotics and Prosthetics. Salus operates four clinical facilities in Philadelphia and Montgomery counties that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, Speech-Language pathology and occupational therapy services. The University has over 1,200 students, and more than 14,000 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit www.salus.edu.

About Eagles Autism Foundation

The Eagles Autism Foundation is dedicated to raising funds for innovative autism research and care programs. By providing the necessary resources to doctors and scientists at leading institutions, we will be able to assist those currently affected by autism, as well as future generations. The Foundation aims to inspire and engage the community, so together, we can provide much-needed support to make a lasting impact in the field of autism. Please visit EaglesAutismFoundation.org.