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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **SunTrust Foundation helps move families toward a brighter future Foundation makes investment in local families**

**Lynchburg, VA** – Humankind, formerly Presbyterian Homes & Family Services and the Family Alliance, has received a \$10,000 grant from the SunTrust Foundation to help support our Ways to Work, Lynchburg program. Ways to Work is an economic empowerment program that offers short term, low-interest loans to credit-challenged families for car purchase or repair. These loans help families find financial stability, increase self-sufficiency and advance their career opportunities.

“SunTrust is proud to support the Ways to Work, Lynchburg program and to be able to partner with such a great community organization, like HumanKind,” said David Wilt, Market President for SunTrust Bank in Lynchburg. “The mission of the Ways to Work program in providing reliable transportation to those in need is absolutely essential to helping individuals and families achieve financial well-being and SunTrust is excited to be a partner.”

For many families in our community, owning a car is a gateway to better, higher-paying jobs, post-secondary education, better child care options and self-sufficiency. A car provides the flexibility necessary for someone to work flexible hours for their primary employer, work overtime, take a second job or pursue job training and education; all factors that increase earning potential and financial well-being. Because of this grant from the SunTrust Foundation, Ways to Work will be able to help more families reach their financial goals.

HumanKind provides programs and services in communities throughout Virginia. Our mission is to strengthen individuals and families through care, counseling and education. Our programs focus on Early Childhood Development, Economic Empowerment, Mental Health Services, Residential Care and Safe and Healthy Living. Every day, we assist families in overcoming challenges, making responsible choices and improving their quality of life. The impact of HumanKind would not be possible without the generous support of individuals, churches, foundations, corporations and the community.

You can find out more about the programs and services we offer on our new website, [www.hkind.org](http://www.hkind.org).