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## **PROMISE RECEIVES \$10,000 SIGNATURE GRANT FROM DOUG FLUTIE, JR. FOUNDATION FOR AUTISM**

BREVARD COUNTY — Promise, Inc. is pleased to announce it is the recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism. These funds will directly support Promise’s Vocational Training & Employment Program, which provides the residents of Promise in Brevard, including individuals with autism, with the job skills needed to secure employment in a variety of different fields.

This critical funding will provide important support for its residents with special needs by connecting them with employers who match their skills set, as well as providing assistance with things like interviewing, building a resume, on-the-job training and setting up benchmarks for growth once employment is secured.

“Our Vocational Training & Employment Program sets Promise apart from other supported living communities for individuals with disabilities, and we have seen first-hand the impact that having a job has made for so many of our amazing residents,” said Jeff Kiel, Promise CEO. “We are so grateful to the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism for supporting this program and for being such a wonderful community partner for many years.”

The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism, based in Framingham, MA, awards grants annually through a competitive application and review process. The signature grants that the Flutie Foundation distributed this year support traditionally under-served, under-funded, culturally diverse communities reflected in the Foundation's areas of interest; providing a path for educational and vocational skills, supporting recreational and active lifestyles, and ensuring people with autism are safe, supported and informed.

“The Flutie Foundation Signature Grants help our partner agencies address a variety of significant needs in the autism community, especially in light of coronavirus repercussions,” says Nick Savarese, Executive Director of The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism. “Programs like the Vocational Training & Employment Program at Promise are helping people on the autism spectrum live life to the fullest and we are proud to support their efforts.”

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About Promise, Inc.

*Established in 2009, Promise is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to provide affordable, independent housing for individuals with cognitive and physical disabilities utilizing public and private partnerships to develop a model community. For more information about Promise and its mission of providing opportunities for individuals with special needs, please visit [www.promiseinbrevard.com](http://www.promiseinbrevard.com).*

About the Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism

*The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism (DFJFA) is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) public benefit corporation helping families affected by autism live life to the fullest. Through programs and partnerships, DFJF helps people with autism get access to care; lead more active lifestyles; and grow toward adult independence. NFL Quarterback Doug Flutie and his wife Laurie, whose personal experience raising a son on the autism spectrum inspired their passion to help other families, established the Foundation in 1998. DFJFA primarily serves families throughout New England, New York, New Jersey, and Central Florida. For more information on The Doug Flutie, Jr. Foundation for Autism, visit [www.flutiefoundation.org](http://www.flutiefoundation.org).*