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Florence Crittenton Receives a \$150,000 Grant to Support Mentoring

Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust Makes Generous Contribution

PHOENIX — Florence Crittenton is pleased to announce it has been awarded a \$150,000 grant from Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust. These funds will support the agency's WINGS (Women Involved in Nurturing Girls' Self-Esteem) mentoring program, which pairs caring adult female mentors with at-risk and disadvantaged girls who receive residential treatment services.

"We are honored to receive support for our mentoring program that has been around since 1999," said Chief Executive Office Dr. Kellie M. Warren. "The mentoring program empowers our girls and young women through healthy adult relationships, and it encourages each of our girls to find their own voice. This generous contribution will help maximize the program's impact on so many young women."

The WINGS program targets girls and young women, ages 10-18, within Maricopa County. Support from Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust helps increase sustainability and provides critical gap funding for this program. The grant will help enhance mentor recruitment and training and expand the program's reach to serve more mentees.

Women interested in volunteering as a mentor in the program should contact the agency's Volunteer Services Manager, Ashley Faye, at (602) 288-4502 or afaye@flocrit.org.

Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust supports organizations that enrich health, well-being, and opportunity for the people of Maricopa County, Arizona. Piper Trust concentrates its efforts in six areas: healthcare and medical research, children, older adults, arts and culture, education, and religious organizations. For more information about Piper Trust, visit www.pipertrust.org.

Founded in 1986, the mission of Florence Crittenton is to give every girl whose life we touch safety, hope and opportunity. The Agency has helped foster the recovery of girls and young women who have endured periods of victimization, chronic neglect, homelessness, poverty, teen pregnancy, drug abuse and/or mental instability. Our evidenced-based programs and services provide housing, healthcare, education, counseling, and social support to young women and girls, ages 10-to-21. Additionally, Florence Crittenton holds the charter for the state's first and only public, single-gender preparatory school, the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona (GLAAZ).