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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Brantwood Receives \$3,000 Grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation to Support Youth Literacy

Montgomery – **September 9, 2016** —The Dollar General Literacy Foundation recently awarded Brantwood Children’s Home a \$3,000 grant to support youth literacy. This local grant is part of \$4.5 million in youth literacy grants awarded to approximately 1,000 organizations across the 43 states that Dollar General serves. Given at the beginning of the academic school year, these grants are aimed at supporting teachers, schools and organizations with resources to strengthen and enhance literacy instruction.

“We are so proud of the work The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is doing to enhance youth literacy and we are so grateful they have chosen our organization as one of the recipients of their generosity. Their donation will underwrite a portion of the cost of GradPoint, which is the educational software we use at our school. GradPoint is a dynamic learning environment which allows each of our students to work dependent upon their individualized educational plans,” said Krystal Floyd, Brantwood’s development director.

Finding a need for a more specialized educational program for their children, Brantwood began educating their youth on-site in the mid-1990’s thanks to a donation from the Kiwanis Club of Montgomery which was used to build the school building. Brantwood’s On-Site Educational Program or BOSEP, as it’s commonly called, allows their children a safe place to learn at their own levels. Having a lower student to teacher ratio allows them to account for the individual aptitudes, interests, and challenges of their children and strives to re-shape their children’s attitude towards education.

“By awarding these grants, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation is committed to making a meaningful impact in our local communities,” said Todd Vasos, Dollar General’s chief executive officer. “These grants provide funds to support youth literacy initiatives and educational programs throughout the communities we serve to ensure a successful academic year for students.”

Committed to helping increase the literacy skills of individuals of all ages, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$127 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping nearly 7.9 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education since its inception in 1993. The Dollar General Literacy Foundation awards grants each year to nonprofit organizations, schools and libraries within a 20-mile radius of a Dollar General store or distribution center to support adult, family, summer and youth literacy programs.

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation also supports customers interested in learning how to read, speak English or prepare for the high school equivalency test. At the cash register of every Dollar General store, customers may pick up a brochure with a postage-paid reply card that can be mailed in for a referral to a local organization that offers free literacy services.

**About Brantwood Children’s Home**

Brantwood Children’s Home is a foster care residential care facility whose mission is to serve abused and neglected children between the ages of 10 and 21 and provide for their education, health, and social adjustments in a loving and stable environment.

**About the Dollar General Literacy Foundation**

The Dollar General Literacy Foundation is proud to support initiatives that help others improve their lives through literacy and education as part of the company’s mission of ***Serving Others*** for over 20 years. Since its inception in 1993, the Dollar General Literacy Foundation has awarded more than \$127 million in grants to nonprofit organizations, helping more than 7.9 million individuals take their first steps toward literacy or continued education. For more information about the Dollar General Literacy Foundation and its grant programs, visit [www.dgliteracy.org](http://www.dgliteracy.org).

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