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NOVA Receives a \$5000 Grant from the Rotary Club of Doylestown

Grant earmarked for NOVA's SHARE program

(BUCKS COUNTY, Pa.) NOVA recently received a \$5,000 grant from the Rotary Club of Doylestown that will be used to fund additional sessions of NOVA's Smart Healthy Appropriate Relationship Education (SHARE) program. Since 2006, this program has worked with young people with autism spectrum disorders and other intellectual or developmental differences to give them the skills they need to form and maintain meaningful, safe connections and relationships.

"In 2008, the Rotary Club of Doylestown implemented a Request for Proposal (RFP) grant application approach that was focused, competitive and transparent," said Bill Shoffler, Chair, Community Grants & Scholarships Committee, Rotary Club of Doylestown. "The procedures we put in place allow our Club to fund projects that align with the mission of Rotary and support Rotary International's focus areas. We are pleased to support NOVA's SHARE program, as it fits both of those criteria. Since

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2008, Rotary Club of Doylestown has funded 126 programs at 60 nonprofit organizations throughout Bucks County, including several programs for NOVA."

The young people involved in the SHARE program want the opportunity to live full lives with safe, loving relationships. The SHARE program addresses that need by teaching participants the skills they need in a way that both empowers them and incorporates their families and trusted educators, so that they can be ready for a lifetime of healthy relationships. NOVA works directly with the school districts in Bucks County to provide this intensive program in a comfortable and trusted setting.

"We are immensely grateful to Rotary Club of Doylestown for choosing NOVA as a recipient of a community grant in support of our SHARE program," said Mary Worthington, Director of Prevention and Training, NOVA. "We recognize that healthy relationships are critical for a full life and SHARE offers young people with autism or other developmental differences a safe learning environment for developing positive social connections."

About NOVA

NOVA supports, counsels and empowers victims of sexual assault and other serious crimes in Bucks County and works to prevent and eliminate violence in society through advocacy, training, community education and prevention programs. Founded in 1974,

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offices in Fairless Hills, Jamison and Perkasio. Services are made possible through the financial support of federal, state and local government grants and contracts, corporations, foundations and private donations. All contributions are tax deductible to the extent provided by law. For more information, visit www.NOVABucks.org.

About Rotary Club of Doylestown

The Rotary Club of Doylestown was organized on April 28, 1924, with a chartering membership of 20. Throughout the years, the club and its members have been leaders in the community and have practiced "Service Above Self". The Rotary Club of Doylestown sponsors various events to raise funds for organizations in Buck County and worldwide, including financial support to Rotary International polio prevention programs. Since 1965, the club has hosted dozens of foreign exchange students and sent as many local students abroad as part of a Student Exchange Program. To learn more, go to <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/3052/>

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