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First Step of Sarasota Receives Selby Grant

SARASOTA, FL – June 23, 2010 – First Step of Sarasota, the region's leader in alcohol and drug addiction recovery programs, announces receipt of a William G. and Marie Selby Foundation grant for \$22,000.

The grant funds will be used to purchase a van, in which First Step will transport clients to medical and legal appointments, 12-step meetings, group outings, job interviews and shopping trips.

Bob Piper, Vice President of First Step's Residential Services, states, "Transportation is an essential service for First Step and its clients. The van ensures the continuity of the services we provide, as well as other related activities."

First Step of Sarasota has provided high quality, affordable substance abuse treatment and recovery programs on Florida's Gulf Coast for over 40 years. Last year, nearly 14,000 individuals were served through the agency's prevention and treatment programs. For more information about First Step, go to www.fsos.org or contact Kelly French at 941-552-2065.

Photo Caption: Bob Piper (back) and Dave Beesley (forward) pose with the Toyota Siena van purchased with funding provided by the William G. and Marie Selby Foundation.

For more information on First Step, please contact Tricia Lewis at 941-351-0024 or email tlewis@grapeinc.com. Grapevine Communications, the Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce's "2010 Small Business of the Year", is an award-winning Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations firm based in Sarasota and serving clients nationwide.

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