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Eddie's Road receives \$25,000 grant from QBE

MARIETTA, GA – January 17, 2012 – The QBE Divisional Foundation recently selected Eddie's Road as a recipient of a \$25,000 grant to fund the development of tools and education for underserved youth. Eddie's Road was selected from hundreds of employee-nominated charities.

Funds received from the Foundation will assist Eddie's Road in providing financial support to national organizations and group homes in the development of mentoring and educational programs targeted at children between the ages of 14-18. These programs provide young adults with the tools necessary to navigate from the child welfare system into adulthood and increase the likelihood that the cycle of abuse will be broken.

Eddie's Road chairman Lisa Erbes said the grant will help young adults who otherwise might not be helped. "Once a child turns 18, previously provided support stops and they are typically left to fend for themselves. In many cases, they have no family support or proper skills to maneuver successfully into young adulthood. Children 'aging out' of the system face almost insurmountable odds. Our focus is to stop the cycle of abuse by providing children the tools they need to become successful adults. This grant from the QBE Divisional Foundation will help make that possible."

About QBE

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About The Eddie James Foundation for Children and Eddie's Road

The Eddie James Foundation for Children directly funds and supports a variety of quality public and private programs dedicated to assisting abused children and young adults. Eddie's Road, a program of the Foundation, raises funds through various special events and the contributions of donors to support the Foundation's mission. The Eddie James Foundation for Children and Eddie's Road are headquartered in Marietta, GA and award grants to eligible organizations nationwide. For more information or to make a donation, visit the Eddie's Road website at www.eddiesroad.org.

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