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### **First Tennessee Foundation Grant To Support Economic Empowerment**

**Memphis, TN, February 5, 2008** - Friends For Life Corporation has received notification of an upcoming \$8,000 grant from the First Tennessee Foundation to provide an economic literacy and empowerment training program to men living with HIV/AIDS. According to Leslie Lee, Community Development Manager for First Tennessee, "One of our main areas of emphasis is financial literacy. This program is an additional way to help the members of our community learn to handle their personal finances."

The purpose of the project is to provide 25 low-income men living with HIV and AIDS an opportunity to gain an understanding of their current financial situation and learn skills that will help them increase their ability to make good decisions about their financial future while they are learning to live with HIV and AIDS. The project will also help program participants learn how to decrease their current debt, budget their income properly to meet their individual and family needs and make plans for their financial futures.

Friends For Life is the oldest and most comprehensive AIDS service organization in the Mid-South serving over 2,100 persons affected by HIV/AIDS. The men's economic literacy and empowerment program will be a component of the agency's award-winning Wellness University and complement a grant from the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis that provides similar activities for women living with HIV/AIDS.