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**Volvo Car US Operations Community Fund of Coastal Community Foundation
Awards \$5,500 to the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired SC**

Charleston, SC – The Volvo Car US Operations Community Fund of Coastal Community Foundation (CCF) recently awarded a \$5,500 grant to the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired South Carolina (ABVI) for its *Own Your Life* program. The grant will help support the vision rehabilitation services we offer through our *Own Your Life* program at our new Ladson facility, which opened in March 2020.

Through the *Own Your Life* program, ABVI provides personal independence and vocational rehabilitation training for adults who are blind or visually impaired in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties. Classes and opportunities include: Activities of Daily Living Training, Assistive Technology Tutoring, Braille, Client Connections (social events), Computer Training, Guide Dog Scholarships, Orientation and Mobility Training and Therapy (group and family) and Soft Skills.

“Without funding from partners like the Volvo Car US Operations Community Fund of CCF, adults who are blind or visually impaired would not have access to the critical vision rehabilitation services they need,” said Anne Reid, ABVI’s Chief Development Officer. “We are so grateful for Volvo’s continued support as we help our clients lead the independent and fulfilled lives they deserve.”

ABVI provides vision rehabilitation training through our *Own Your Life* program in our Charleston and Ladson facilities as well as through virtual training. To learn more about ABVI, visit www.abvisc.org.

About the Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired South Carolina

The Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired South Carolina’s (ABVI) mission is to enrich the quality of life of the blind and visually impaired. Through our *Own Your Life* program, ABVI helps adults who are blind and visually impaired in Berkeley, Charleston and Dorchester Counties learn new approaches to daily life. ***Own Your Life* offers two tracks: Personal Independence** teaches adults how to navigate daily life with a visual impairment, while **Vocational Rehabilitation** helps clients who are ready to learn the adaptive skills needed to enter or re-enter the workforce. To learn more about ABVI’s services, visit www.abvisc.org/services.

About Coastal Community Foundation

Coastal Community Foundation (CCF) helps create vibrant communities by uniting people and investing resources. Founded in 1974 to make a lasting impact through permanent, endowed funds for charitable giving, CCF embodies the core values of stewardship, integrity, inclusion with equity and courage. CCF



serves nine counties across coastal South Carolina, manages more than \$250 million in assets (among the top 100 community foundations in the nation) and awarded more than \$26 million in grants in 2018. To learn more, visit coastalcommunityfoundation.org or call (843) 723-3635.

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