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Mobile Crisis Services Expand to Emmet County

Spencer, IA – Seasons Center is pleased to share that through funding from County Social Services Mental Health Region, enhanced mobile crisis services will be available in Emmet County. Mobile crisis services can be accessed by law enforcement, schools, and hospitals/clinics to support an individual experiencing a mental health or behavioral health crisis who needs de-escalation, intervention, and ongoing care coordination.

Mobile Crisis services are also available in Buena Vista, Clay, Dickinson, Lyon, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, and Sioux counties, many since the service began in 2017.

"We're eager to expand our mobile crisis services to Emmet County, as a way to partner with another community in situations that warrant de-escalation or intervention, which is our expertise," says Emily Rohlk, Crisis Intervention Specialist at Seasons Center. "We look forward to lending support to law enforcement, schools, and hospitals/clinics when they're in need and ensuring the safety of all involved."

Seasons Center staff who provide assistance through crisis and mobile crisis services receive an extensive training, which includes risk assessment, suicide prevention, crisis intervention, de-escalation techniques, and other specific areas related to crisis services.

"Seasons is grateful for the support of the County Social Services board in providing funding for this valuable service," says Christina Eggink-Postma, VP of Program Coordination and Compliance at Seasons. "Mobile Crisis services provide timely response, often to individuals at their most vulnerable time. We

are thankful for the opportunity to partner with County Social Services to serve the citizens of Emmet County.”

Seasons offers a 24/7 Crisis Line by calling 844-345-4569. This line is covered by trained, caring, local professionals from Seasons Center. The line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 365 days per year – including holidays.

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Founded in 1959, Seasons Center for Behavioral Health continues to be a leading, comprehensive behavioral health center in the northwest region of Iowa. Offering a broad range of behavioral health Services, Seasons recognizes that investing in behavioral health is investing in a community's economic, education, health and human services systems. Seasons strives to empower individuals so they might become active, contributing members of their communities. For more information on Seasons' services, please visit www.seasonscenter.org or call 1-800-242-5101.

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