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Seasons Center Receives \$50,000 Telligen Community Initiative Grant

Spencer, IA – Seasons Center for Behavioral Health announced today it has received a \$50,000 grant award from Telligen Community Initiative (TCI), a private, Iowa-based charitable foundation. These funds will be used to fund the “Wellness Wagon” project by purchasing of a 15-passenger van to support mobile behavioral health clinics in our rural counties.

The mobile behavioral health clinics aim to reach individuals and families experiencing increased anxiety, depression, substance use/addiction, and other behavioral health needs as a result of COVID-19, food insecurities, unemployment, and other life situations that otherwise impede their ability to access timely behavioral health services.

“We are so grateful for these funds from Telligen Community Initiative to support our mobile behavioral health clinics to increase our reach,” said Kim Scorza, CEO/President of Seasons Center. “Across all of the counties we serve, we’re seeing an increase in the need for behavioral health resources and services, as well as other more basic needs like food. Individuals and families are hurting from the impacts of COVID and we need to be present in their communities to address their needs. This van will allow us to serve with pop-up food pantries, as well as transportation for clients needing in-person therapy, mobile crisis response, care coordination, prevention and education activities, and more.”

Seasons Center was one of only 18 grants selected out of 303 for TCI's 2020 Iowa and Illinois-based funding cycle, which awarded a total of \$700,590 in grants to nonprofit organizations in these states (\$359,290 to Iowa and \$341,300 to Illinois).

TCI works to support projects in the priority funding areas of health innovation, health care workforce development and access to care for the underserved. Since 2014, TCI has awarded more than \$11 million to 269 organizations and projects in Iowa, Illinois, Oklahoma and Colorado.

“With this grant award from Telligen Community Initiative, we will be able to increase our accessibility to individuals and families who needs us most,” said Scorza. “It’s not always easy to ask for help, but with more presence in our rural communities, we can help so many with not only their behavioral health needs, but people’s basic needs which is imperative to overall health and well-being.”

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About Seasons Center for Behavioral Health

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.

Avera is a regional partnership of health professionals who share support services to provide excellent care at 300 locations in 100 communities in eastern South Dakota and surrounding states. Our ministry, our people and our superior values distinguish Avera. We carry on the health care legacy of the Benedictine and Presentation Sisters, delivering care in an environment guided by our values of compassion hospitality and stewardship. Avera employs more than 13,500. Inpatient, outpatient and clinic visits totaled nearly 2.5 million in the last year, a number equal to more than twice the population of the Avera service area. For more information please visit www.avera.org.

About Telligen Community Initiative

Telligen Community Initiative (TCI) is the charitable foundation of Telligen, Inc., a private, nonprofit health care intelligence company. TCI seeks to empower organizations and citizens to improve their individual and overall community health. TCI funding is designed to initiate and support innovative health-related projects designed to improve health, social well-being, and educational attainment. The foundation’s funding focuses on project support in Iowa, Illinois, and Oklahoma within the areas of health innovation, health for the underserved and healthcare workforce development. For more information about TCI, please visit www.telligen.org