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Seasons Center Awarded Grant Funds from the Iowa Attorney General's Office, Crime Victim Assistance Division

SPENCER – On May 6, 2016, the State of Iowa, Crime Victim Assistance Board, voted to award Seasons Center with nearly \$400,000 in Victim Services Support Program (VSS) funds to expand services to crime victims not previously served, underserved, or not accessing traditional victim services.

"We are excited and grateful to be chosen as a recipient of these grant funds," says Kim Scorza, Executive Director, for Seasons. "This funding will allow us to better partner with well-established victim services agencies in providing therapy to their clients, as well as training and resources to victim service agencies employees."

The proposed project will be both an expansion of existing behavioral health services provided by Seasons and the implementation of new program services. The service area will encompass 19 counties in northwest Iowa: Buena Vista, Calhoun, Carroll, Cherokee, Clay, Crawford, Dickinson, Emmet, Ida, Lyon, Monona, O'Brien, Osceola, Palo Alto, Plymouth, Pocahontas, Sac, Sioux, and Woodbury. With this funding, Seasons will hire four Trauma Therapists, dedicated to the implementation of program services and activities.

Seasons is a non-profit organization and has been providing a broad range of psychiatric and behavioral health services to people and communities in Northwest Iowa since 1959. Seasons strives to provide exceptional care to children, families, and adults through skilled, dedicated, and passionate employees who use evidence-based treatment practices and innovative treatment techniques. Additional information on program services will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

For more information on Seasons' services, please visit our website at:
www.seasonscenter.org and Facebook page
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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.

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.