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Grant to Improve Transportation Options for Zumbro Valley Health Center Clients

Rochester, Minn. – The Operation Round Up® Trust Board recently awarded \$1,200 to Zumbro Valley Health Center to help access to treatment. The funding is being used to provide bus and taxi passes for clients without suitable transportation options.

“Numerous clients lack reliable transportation to get to and from their appointments,” said Chief Executive Officer Dave Cook, LICSW, MSW. “This leads to missed appointments and delayed medication use which results in poorer management of their illness and worse outcomes. Many of these individuals have multiple chronic conditions, making it especially important they have regular appointments to visit their providers.”

Cook added transportation has been a barrier to treatment for hundreds of Zumbro Valley Health Center clients.

“We are pleased these funds will be used to help those most in need within our community,” said Gwen Stevens, Director of Member and Community Relations for People’s Energy Cooperative. “The Operation Round Up® program is designed to help non-profits like Zumbro Valley Health Center make these kinds of small changes to improve the lives of its clients.”

About Zumbro Valley Health Center

Restoring hope...one life at a time. For the past 50 years, Zumbro Valley Health Center has worked to improve the health of people in SE Minnesota regardless of their ability to pay. Our organization enhances the quality of life for individuals through an integrated model of care providing behavioral health, medical, dental and community support services. Last year, staff served 4,500 people, the overwhelming majority of whom are from under-served populations. The services we provide all have the same goal – helping people with an addiction disorder, a mental illness or a co-occurring condition lead more healthy, productive and self-sufficient lives. Zumbro Valley Health Center is a private, non-profit organization serving Olmsted and Fillmore counties. For more information, visit our Web site at www.zvhc.org or call 507-289-2089.

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