

Contact: Lindy Lewis
Marketing and Communications Manager
l.lewis@communityreachcenter.org
303.853.3679 | 720.219.1342



Mikkel Kelly
Grants and PR Specialist
m.kelly@communityreachcenter.org
303-853-3421 | 303-521-1659

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Rotarians for Mental Health donates smart phones to Community Reach Center

Telehealth services supported by Rotary Connects program

(July 2, 2020 – Westminster, Colorado)

Rotarians for Mental Health has donated \$2,100 to Community Reach Center for the purchase of smart phones for clients lacking the necessary technology to engage in telehealth services via video or phone.

Rotary International provided grants totaling \$4 million to districts. Through District 5450, Rotarians for Mental Health received \$20,000 and created Rotary Connects – a new program providing cell phones to low-income clients that would enable them to connect with therapists and prescribers at nine Colorado mental health centers. AllHealth Network, Aurora Mental Health Center, Centennial Mental Health Center, Community Reach Center, Jefferson Center for Mental Health, Mental Health Center of Denver, Mind Springs Health and North Range Behavioral Health all received support from Rotary Connects.

Clay Cunningham, COO of Community Reach Center and past-president of the Northglenn-Thornton Rotary Club, said, "We are extremely grateful for the generous support from Rotary District 5450 and Rotarians for Mental Health. Since early March, telehealth technology has enabled thousands of Community Reach Center clients to remain engaged in treatment, and hundreds of new clients to begin services. Rotarians for Mental Health is an outstanding example of a successful public-private partnership that is directly benefitting Colorado communities."

Throughout the pandemic, Community Reach Center has continued to serve anyone seeking support, with modifications to operations to protect public health.

Additional services were developed to further support mental wellness during this difficult time. People who are feeling anxious, depressed, not sleeping well, beginning to abuse substances or experiencing strains on relationships due to the stress of COVID-19 can call Community Reach Center's Warm Line at 303-280-6602 Monday through Friday, 8am to 5pm. Mental health professionals are available to talk, listen, lend support and facilitate referrals to other programs that can help build coping skills and bolster resiliency. The center's COVID-19 Heroes Program offers up to six counseling sessions free of charge for any healthcare worker who lives or works in Adams or Broomfield counties. After initial evaluation counseling sessions will be provided via telehealth.

The Warm Line is not intended for crisis intervention. Anyone feeling unsafe or suicidal should call Colorado Crisis Services at 1-844-493-8255, text 38255, or visit the Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center at 2551 W. 84th Avenue in Westminster.

Community Reach Center remains open to new clients as well. In-person intake assessments are provided Monday through Friday at 8989 Huron St. in Thornton, and Tuesdays at 1850 E. Egbert St. in Brighton. Outpatient offices in Brighton, Northglenn, Thornton and Westminster, as well as Mountainland Pediatrics and Broomfield Pediatrics, remain open to serve the community. Visitors are screened at the door; social distancing is employed, and personal protective equipment is used in compliance with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control. Visit CommunityReachCenter.org to learn more.

=====

Community Reach Center is a top-tier non-profit behavioral health and wellness provider established in 1957 that serves people of all ages at seven outpatient offices and more than 100 community-based sites throughout Adams and Broomfield counties in Colorado. The Center employs more than 500 highly skilled professionals committed to health and wellness, currently serving 22,000 individuals annually. It is one of the first community mental health providers in the U.S. to incorporate pediatric primary care into its care continuum with the purchase of Mountainland Pediatrics in Thornton, Colorado and Broomfield Pediatrics in Broomfield, Colorado. Community Reach operates the first and currently largest school-based therapy program in Colorado. It is the first mental health provider in Colorado to receive accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities – an independent, nonprofit accreditor of health and human services.

###