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Open Door Health Center Receives CARES Grant from the Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging

Mankato – (December 23, 2020) – Open Door Health Center has been awarded a \$25,100 CARES grant by Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging, Inc. (MNRAAA). The CARES grant is designed to allow community-based organizations to provide support services, such as chore services, homemaker, visiting, telephone reassurance, and caregiver support services. These funds are designated to address the service needs of older adults during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The CARES grant is made possible through the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES Act funding through the Administration for Community Living and the Minnesota Board on Aging). MNRAAA is focusing these dollars on rural areas and the population with the greatest social need and those facing social isolation.

This grant will allow Open Door Health Center to specifically focus on engaging with and educating older adults on programs and services available to them through Open Door. "Our outreach population includes persons 60 years of age or older within three subgroups; individuals residing in rural communities, individuals with the greatest economic need, and individuals with greatest social need caused by non-economic factors - mental or physical disabilities, language barriers, and cultural, social, or geographical isolation." Said Jayme Enamorado, Community Outreach Manager at Open Door Health Center.

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About Open Door Health Center - Open Door Health Center is a non-profit community health center, providing quality affordable health care to everyone. The Open Door team has an unwavering commitment to improving the quality of life for our patients and within our community. We do this by providing integrated health care services, regardless of the patient's ability to pay. With our cooperative, team-based approach, Open Door providers offer quality medical, dental, and behavioral health care all in one place. Open Door also offers insurance enrollment, legal assistance, and pharmacy services onsite at the main clinic in Mankato.