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Headwaters Intervention Center Receives TEAM Foundation Grant

BAGLEY, MN – TEAM Foundation has awarded a \$2,500 grant to Headwaters Intervention Center (HIC) to support the Center's Sojourners Home in Park Rapids.

Sojourners Home provides transitional housing to battered women in the area who would otherwise be homeless. "We get no state or federal funding for our transitional house," says Audrey Iverson, HIC Executive Director. "With the high cost of utilities these days, the financial assistance is much needed."

According to a Minnesota study on homelessness (*Homelessness in Minnesota 2003*, Wilder Research Center), nearly one in three homeless women are homeless because of domestic abuse. Nearly half of homeless women have stayed in an abusive relationship because they had nowhere else to live. In addition, an association exists between homelessness and abuse as children.

"The statistics are alarming," notes Tricia Young, TEAM Foundation Assistant Director. "But every day, the people and programs at Headwaters Intervention Center are offering hope and refuge to victims of domestic abuse and are helping to break the cycle of violence. We are pleased to add our support to an organization that so positively impacts rural Minnesotans."

TEAM Foundation is a nonprofit organization committed to enhancing the quality of life in rural Minnesota. Established in 2003 to carry on the altruistic tradition of TEAM Industries' founder, the late Don Ricke, TEAM Foundation invests resources in the areas of education, healthcare and community. To learn more, visit www.TEAM-Foundation.org.

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