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FOUNDATION SUPPORTS HEARTLINE

HeartLine, Central Oklahoma's Community Connection, has received a substantial grant to support its services from a local foundation. The Kirkpatrick Family Fund provided \$15,000 to assist with operating support for HeartLine's programs.

"We are grateful for the support and continued partnership of the Kirkpatrick Family Fund," says Tom Taylor, II, HeartLine Director of Development. "This support will ensure that our vital services continue to serve the people of central Oklahoma."

Since 1971, HeartLine has provided services that support the mission to connect central Oklahomans to help, hope and information – 24 hours a day. A United Way Partner Agency, HeartLine has over 100 dedicated volunteers who help provide one-of-a-kind services, including 211 and the 848-CARE (2273) lines, operating 24/7, offering compassionate listening, information about and referral to more than 3000 health and human services, crisis intervention and suicide prevention. HeartLine answered more than 80,000 calls in 2007. HeartLine also offers suicide awareness and prevention programs for two target groups—youth and the elderly. In addition, they coordinate the Gatekeeper Program of Oklahoma County, which trains volunteers to identify older residents who may need assistance but do not know resources are available or how to access them. Further, HeartLine's Volunteer Center of Central Oklahoma links people who want to give help to over 600 local organizations needing volunteers.

The Kirkpatrick Family Fund is an affiliated fund administered by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation and provides grants for non-profit organizations qualified as public charities, public and private educational institutions, and mission-related programs sponsored by religious organization located in central Oklahoma. The fund's primary fields of interest are animals, arts and humanities,

education, environment, children, youth and families, community development, health and social services.

For more information on HeartLine's services and volunteer opportunities visit www.heartlineoklahoma.org or call 840-9396.

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