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HELP Adult Services Awarded Grant from Wells Fargo

Omaha, NE, March 24, 2009 – HELP Adult Services, a non-profit organization, has recently been awarded a \$1,000 Wells Fargo grant. The grant will make an impact in the Health and medical Equipment Loan Program (HELP) area by assisting individuals in the metropolitan Omaha area needing to acquire medical equipment they couldn't afford to purchase.

A recent study by Harvard University researchers found that every 30 seconds in the United States someone files for bankruptcy in the aftermath of a serious health problem.

Omaha World Herald reported recently that the health-consumer organization Families USA said in its report that of the 460,000 Nebraskans who were uninsured at some time during 2007 and 2008, 338,000 were uninsured for six months or more.

To help combat the seriousness of increasing health care costs, the HELP program offers items such as bath chairs, crutches, wheelchairs, hospital beds and thousands of other health and medical items to those who are under-insured or un-insured. The program serves over 6,000 people annually. The majority of medical items have been donated. Receiving the grant allows the Health and medical Equipment Loan Program to maintain the quality of those medical items.

The Health and medical Equipment Loan Program (HELP) has been offering loaned medical equipment for several years. Recently, there has been an increase in demand for these items most likely due to a greater number of people recently losing their jobs, as well as dwindling insurance benefits.

"You and your program are the one blessing for my family who has endured so much."

ABOUT HELP Adult Services – HELP Adult Services' serves individuals requiring health and human services assistance. In addition to the equipment loan program, HELP also offers a respite service, Respite Connection, serving over 13,000 hours of respite care annually. HELP Adult Services was formed in 1982 by several Omaha philanthropists. For additional information on HELP Adult Services, call 341-6559, x100, or visit www.helpadulthoodservices.org.

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