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Fox Valley Hands of Hope Receives Grant

Fox Valley Hands of Hope was approved for a capital improvement grant of \$9,600 from the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley. The grant is designated for a new medical equipment washer.

Fox Valley Hands of Hope has a lending closet where members of the community in need can borrow medical equipment free of charge, including items such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, commodes and shower chairs. The grant for the equipment washer will allow the agency to provide the essential service of effectively cleaning and sterilizing the equipment before it is loaned. "People from our community come in almost every day of the year to borrow an item they need when they have a family member with a debilitating medical condition. Fox Valley Hands of Hope is proud to be able to help these individuals when they need us most", says Kathy Melone, Director of Development.

About Fox Valley Hands of Hope

The mission of Fox Valley Hands of Hope is to enhance the quality of life and to provide hope for those experiencing grief or life-threatening illness. Their professional staff and trained volunteers are community-funded, allowing them to provide the best in compassionate care to the community, free of charge. Their programs are designed to provide support for adults, children and families, regardless of age, income level, race, or religious beliefs. For more information, go to www.fvhh.net.

About the Community Foundation

The Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley is a non-profit, tax-exempt, philanthropic organization that administers individual charitable funds from which grants and scholarships are distributed to benefit the citizens of the Greater Aurora Area, the Tri-Cities and Kendall County, Illinois. Founded in 1948, the Foundation provides a simple and powerful approach to charitable giving. Individuals, families, businesses and organizations have the opportunity to custom design their own named funds that reflect their charitable goals and interests. Since its inception, the Community Foundation has grown to more than \$75 million in assets and has awarded more than \$60 million in grants and scholarships. For more information on the Foundation, visit www.CommunityFoundationFRV.org.