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BLACK HILLS ENERGY CONTRIBUTES \$2,500 TO THE CRESCENT COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER IN DUBUQUE

DUBUQUE, Iowa, Feb. 1, 2010 – An organization that provides high-quality and affordable healthcare services to residents in the tri-state area, including Illinois, Wisconsin and other Iowa counties, has grown by \$2,500. The contribution came from Black Hills Energy, a natural gas provider in Iowa serving 130 communities, including Dubuque, where the Center is located.

The donation made by Black Hills Energy will help patients with no insurance to pay for their visit to the Center, for labs and medication needs.

“The Crescent Community Health Center provides a vital community service, and we support their efforts to provide top-notch medical services to all,” said Laura Roussell, Black Hills Energy external affairs manager in Dubuque.

Crescent Community Health Center provides a “medical home” for those who have none, and allows the Dubuque area to access state and federal healthcare funds that are not currently accessible. The Center is intended to serve the approximate 22,250 area residents of Dubuque County who have incomes 200 percent below the federal poverty level. The need for the organization’s service is even greater during the current economy, and the Center anticipates serving more than 1,500 additional unique patients in 2010 than last year, or approximately 5,500 patients total.

“The primary medical and dental services provided by Crescent physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, dental hygienists and others are second to none,” said Julie Woodyard, executive director of Crescent Community Health Center. “The Crescent/Mercy Diabetes collaborative was recognized by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services in the fall of 2009 for their successful education and care management for more than 200 diabetic patients at the Center. This is only one example of the high-quality care the Center provides, and contributions, such as the one from Black Hills Energy, make it possible for us to continue to provide these services to the public.”

To learn more about the Crescent Community Health Center, or to make a tax-free contribution to support its efforts, contact Julie Woodyard at jwoodyard@crescentchc.org or Nancy Van Milligen with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque at nancyvanm@dbqfoundation.org.

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