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BARBARA OLSON CENTER OF HOPE RECEIVES HELEN BRACH FOUNDATION GRANT

Barbara Olson Center of Hope is proud to announce it has received a **\$10,000** grant from the Helen Brach Foundation to purchase **adaptive and accessibility equipment** to help our non-ambulatory participants stay healthy and active.

There is a segment of our participant population that does not have the ability to move freely every day because obstacles stand in the way of accommodating their physical and cognitive needs. Adaptive equipment, such as gait trainers and recumbent bikes, give our participants a chance to move, improving not only physical well-being but it enhances the psychological state, as well. Accessibility devices, such as changing tables provide comfort, safety, and dignity to wheelchair users.

"Our participants are excited to have the opportunity to utilize the new adaptive equipment to move freely and independently," said Kelley Peterson, director of participant services.

About Barbara Olson Center of Hope:

Barbara Olson Center of Hope is a not-for-profit organization serving the Rock River Valley since 1948. Its mission is to help individuals with developmental disabilities reach personal goals through individualized skill development, vocational opportunities, and community service. The Center of Hope serves 170 young adults and adults daily. President of the Board is Tim Rogowski.

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