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Duck drop proceeds benefit community mental health

WADENA, Minn. – Oct. 22, 2018 – In coordination with the Wadena Lions, Rotary, Tri-County Health Care Auxiliary and Wadena-Deer Creek schools, the Tri-County Foundation helped to raise funds this summer through the Splash out Stigma (SOS) Duck Drop for behavioral health needs in the community. The proceeds from the event were split 50/50 between the Foundation and the school district.

The school will use its funds, more than \$1,870, to pay for three separate mental health groups that will meet on a weekly basis throughout the 2018-2019 school year. The groups will be assembled by age, and mental health practitioners from Northern Pines Mental Health Center will lead and facilitate the sessions.

“WDC is very grateful for the donation from the Tri-County Health Care Foundation Splash out Stigma Duck Drop,” said Lee Westrum, WDC superintendent. “The money will be put to good use helping our students learn important social skills, healthy coping mechanisms and interpersonal skills in small-group settings.”

The Foundation will disperse the remaining funds to community partners through a grant system.

“This is a great partnership between the Foundation and WDC,” said Ryan Damlo, Foundation executive director. “We know the needs in our community, and this is a great way to help keep these funds local.”

ABOUT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION

The Tri-County Health Care Foundation is a private charity established in 1994 by the hospital to attract and administer charitable funds for the benefit of the communities and surrounding areas served by Tri-County Health Care. Tax deductible gifts support education, technology, patient care and equipment. Financial donations stay local and have a direct and lasting impact on your family, friends and neighbors.

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