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YESS Receives Unprecedented Gift from Mid-Iowa Health Foundation

DES MOINES, Iowa – Youth Emergency Services & Shelter (YESS) is proud to announce a \$120,000 operational grant from Mid-Iowa Health Foundation. This unprecedented three-year gift will support the agency's trauma-informed care model of service delivery as well as expressive arts therapies (music, art, and play). MIHF has partnered with YESS for nearly 30 years and in that time has committed just shy of \$500,000 to the agency.

"YESS continues to respond to the growing needs of children in our community, not only providing quality emergency shelter care but meeting their mental health needs as well," said Suzanne Mineck, President of MIHF. "YESS' belief in doing the right thing for kids directly aligns with the Foundation's mission, and we are proud to partner with such a progressive and innovative agency."

Since 1973, YESS has evolved to provide families with around-the-clock access to emergency shelter and crisis intervention services. As the largest youth shelter and the only crisis nursery of its kind in the state of Iowa, YESS serves over 1,000 children each year, newborn through 17, providing emergency shelter, respite, crisis care, and counseling services. For more information, visit www.yessiowa.org.

Endowed in 1984 with proceeds from the sale of Northwest Community Hospital in Des Moines, strengthening community health has been the focus of the Mid-Iowa Health Foundation for 30 years. During the past three decades, Mid-Iowa Health Foundation has awarded over \$18 million to more than 200 Central Iowa nonprofit organizations. Through the foundation's grants programs, funds are awarded each year to local nonprofit organizations to improve the health of vulnerable people in our communities.

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Pictured Above (L to R): Stephen Quirk, Chief Executive Officer, YESS; Suzanne Mineck, President, Mid-Iowa Health Foundation; Julie Schneider, Chief Advancement Officer, YESS; Denise Swartz, Senior Program Officer, Mid-Iowa Health Foundation.