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HHHS expands accessible transportation program for Haliburton County.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services is grateful to the support received from community investment funding from the Central East Local Health Integration Network and the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation towards the purchase of a new accessible van. The new Dodge van seats seven people plus two wheelchairs and will further the ability of Community Support Services to meet the growing need for medically related transportation, including the provision of group transportation to regional dialysis programs, adult day programs and mental health programming. The van will also be instrumental in addressing transportation needs for the Haliburton County Youth Hub.

"Transportation is such a challenge in rural communities such as ours," says Stephanie MacLaren, VP, Community Programs. "The demand for our existing van sky-rocketed over the past year. We are very pleased to be able to better address the needs of our community. Through transportation programs such as ours, clients are able to attend programming that not only supports them with their medical needs but also helps to reduce isolation and provide respite to caregivers." We hope to be able to continue to grow this component of our programming.

"Being able to attend medical appointments and supportive programs is a key component of the health and wellness journey for so many, and the Foundation is pleased to be able to support HHHS' delivery of service with the addition of this accessible van", says Lisa Tompkins, Executive Director, HHHS Foundation.

Through a combination of the volunteer driving program and the accessible van, the HHHS transportation program provided 13, 500 rides to 545 residents of Haliburton County over the past year. The program is offered to adults over 55 years of age and adults 18 years or older with a disability. Client fees apply. Please call the HHHS transportation coordinator at 705 457-2941 for more information.

About Haliburton Highlands Health Services

Leaders in Innovative Rural Health Care

Haliburton Highlands Health Services, working with partners and accountable to our community, promotes wellness and provides access to essential, high quality health services including: Primary Care, Hospital (Acute Inpatient and Emergency Care) Long-Term Care, End-of-Life Care, Mental Health & Addictions Services and Community Support Services.

About Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation is an incorporated registered Canadian charity that financially supports the hospitals and health care facilities in Haliburton County, for capital projects, equipment, education programs and community support services. The money is raised through personal, business & corporate donations, special events, promotions, annual giving and the special gift program. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors who dedicate their time and expertise to have better health care and hospital facilities. The Foundation does not provide funds for the operation of the facilities.

