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VNA Receives \$682,499 from United Way of the Midlands Allocation

Omaha, NE – July 19, 2007 – The Visiting Nurse Association (VNA) is pleased to announce it has received a total of has \$654,200 Community Care dollars and \$28,299 in Donor Designated dollars for a total of \$682,499 for the following programs and services.

Home Care Services--\$125,200. VNA provides skilled nursing and therapy home care services for un and underinsured individuals. When Medicare, Medicaid or other payors will not cover services required in the home for one reason or another, United Way funding allows for a full range of nursing and therapy services, which helps reduce the costs of facility care and enables our vulnerable community members to stay independent in their homes.

Home Health Aide Services--\$206,000. This program provides home health aide only services, which are supervised by a registered nurse. The patient does do not require skilled care but need assistance with bathing, activities of daily living and simple meal preparation.

Maternal Infant Care 243,000. VNA provides public health nurse and supportive services to enhance the health and quality of life for women, infants, children and their families who are living in vulnerable situations. Services are provided in the home setting, but also in family and children's homeless shelters, transitional housing facilities, women's correctional facilities, through childbirth education classes in both Spanish & English, in immigrant women's groups for Sudanese, Somali/Bantu and Hispanic, and in one-on-one sessions with a social worker.

Project WIN (Welcoming Infants into the Neighborhood) - \$80,000. This is a voluntary public health nurse home visitation service to parents who are expecting or have a newborn. VNA assesses families for their health, education and social service needs, and also connects them to other community resources. Nurses teach well and ill childcare, normal child growth and development, appropriate use of the health care system, positive parenting and support families to be self-sufficient. Fifty percent of families served through Project WIN are Spanish speaking.

About the VNA

Established in 1896, the VNA provides home care, home infusion, hospice, and community health services. VNA staff visits clients in a variety of settings - homes, nursing care facilities, community centers, and homeless shelters. For more than 100 years, VNA remains true to its mission: to foster the dignity and well being of the residents of our community by delivering the highest quality home and community based health care services that provide peace of mind, quality of life, and independence.

The Joint Commission accredits VNA.

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