



Boys Town Awarded Grant from Iowa West Foundation to serve Iowa families

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BOYS TOWN, Iowa. – Boys Town is pleased to announce it was recently awarded a \$31,500 grant from the Iowa West Foundation. Thanks to the generosity of Iowa West Foundation, Boys Town can continue to provide important service that strengthen children and families in Iowa.

Boys Town Iowa Providing Crisis Intervention & Family Strengthening Services

received \$31,500. Boys Town Iowa is continuing to take steps to meet the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic on behalf of the children and families that we serve. This funding will support Boys Town Iowa's In-Home Family Services and Common Sense Parenting classes in Pottawattamie County in addition to offering the On the Way Home Program to reach more youth. These services strengthen families, address the underlying causes of crisis, and improve the social-emotional and academic development of vulnerable children.

"Receiving this grant allows us to continue to help Iowa families before they become involved with the Department of Human Services or the Juvenile Court Service," said Patrick Garcia, Executive Director, Boys Town Iowa. "It allows parents to be the change agent in their own lives as well as their children's."

About Iowa West Foundation:

The Iowa West Foundation is one of the largest private foundations in the Midwest. It has distributed more than \$500 million to nonprofits and governmental agencies through southwest Iowa and eastern Nebraska since the inception of its grant program. Funding for the grants comes from investment earnings and the Iowa West Racing Association, which receives contractual fees from casino operators, Ameristar and Harrah's.

About Boys Town

For 100 years, Boys Town has been a beacon of hope for America's children and families through its life-changing youth care and health care programs. In 2020, almost 500,000 children and families across the United States were impacted by Boys Town programs. This includes those who received services from Boys Town's residential programs as well as those served by the many varied programs that comprise the Boys Town Integrated Continuum of Child and Family Services, including In-Home Family Services, health care services provided by Boys Town National Research Hospital and the Boys Town National Hotline. You can find more information about Boys Town online at www.Boystown.org.

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