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AdventHealth South Overland Park and the Center of Grace Unite

Partnership will aim to lead community towards healthier living.

OLATHE, Kan., April 15, 2024 — AdventHealth South Overland Park and the Center of Grace proudly announce their alliance, dedicated to guiding individuals along the path to improved health and wellness in the Olathe community.

This collaboration underscores a shared commitment to support the most vulnerable populations, including the economically marginalized, immigrants, refugees, and people of color and their families. At the heart of this partnership is a dedication to empowering individuals with access and knowledge to lead healthier lives, addressing health disparities, and fostering a culture of wellness within our community.

As a testament to this commitment, AdventHealth South Overland Park has generously given \$35,000 to the Center of Grace. This funding will support the completion of an activity garden space, along with the creation of activity stations for basketball, exercise and social gathering areas. These initiatives will enhance Olathe Boys & Girls Club’s appeal to older children by providing students and families with a safe environment to exercise and socialize.

Moreover, this partnership will enable the Center of Grace to expand its programming around health and mental wellness, furthering its mission to strengthen families, nurture children, and build a resilient community. With almost 25 years of dedicated service to the Olathe community, the Center of Grace is well-positioned to leverage this collaboration for long-term impact.

“We are thrilled to provide funding and resources that will benefit students’ health and wellness in our community,” said Dallas Purkeypille, president and CEO at AdventHealth South Overland Park. “Our partnership with Center of Grace will allow us at AdventHealth to further expand our mission of extending the healing ministry of Christ.”

“We are very excited to partner with AdventHealth in our continued effort to provide our community access to enhance their health and wellness.” Executive Director of Center of Grace, Sylvia Romero

Together, AdventHealth and the Center of Grace are committed to offering hospitality, preventive health education, and resources that will positively impact the Johnson County community. This partnership marks a significant step forward in the journey toward a healthier, more equitable Olathe.

About Center of Grace

The Center of Grace is a community outreach Center located close to downtown Olathe. We offer basic services including food, a community garden, clothing, and hygiene items. We partner with the Olathe Mayor’s Children Fund to provide Olathe students who qualify for free or reduced fee lunch with shoes, clothing, and school supplies. Our health services include access to medical equipment, basic dental

services in partnership with Johnson County Community College (JCCC), and REACHN nutrition and wellness classes in partnership with Saint Luke's Health. We offer educational services including basic computer classes, English classes for adult immigrants in partnership with JCCC and an ELL preschool for their children; and before, after school and summer programming for K-12 grade students in partnership with the Boys & Girls Club. We offer employment opportunities in collaboration with Great Jobs KC and the Workforce Partnership.