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Gordon Flesch Charitable Foundation Supports Life Lessons Learned through Healthy Meals

MADISON, Wis. (July 26, 2007) – The Ecker Center for Mental Health received a \$3,500 donation from the Gordon Flesch Charitable Foundation at an awards presentation on July 25. The donation will help support the center’s Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program, with an emphasis on the breakfast and lunch program.

Founded in 1955, the Ecker Center for Mental Health provides outpatient mental health services to adults with mental illness and their families in Kane County. Services range from early intervention to recovery and rehabilitation. The Psychosocial Rehabilitation Program focuses on teaching daily living skills, relapse prevention, medication management and socialization.

“Our breakfast and lunch program provides valuable social interaction for our adult patients as they work together to prepare, serve, eat and clean up a healthy meal each day,” said Karen Beyer, executive director for the Ecker Center. “The donation from the Gordon Flesch Charitable Foundation will provide more than 10,000 meals for the program and help fund our patient holiday party.”

Remaining true to the company vision to “serve the communities where we work and live,” the Gordon Flesch Charitable Foundation, Inc. has donated more than \$700,000 to various charities and organizations in Illinois, Ohio and Wisconsin since its inception in 2002. Each year, grants totaling \$100,000 are awarded throughout the communities where the Gordon Flesch Company does business.

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“The creation of the Charitable Foundation formalized a spirit of generosity that has been part of the Gordon Flesch Company culture since the beginning,” said Ann Myers, president of the Gordon Flesch Charitable Foundation. “It is a reflection of the company’s awareness that we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.”

The Gordon Flesch Charitable Foundation, Inc. is led by a board of five employee volunteers. The charities are selected from nominations submitted by individual associates throughout the Gordon Flesch Company. Organizations, large and small, that provide assistance to those suffering from disease or recovering from disaster are given priority attention. This year, the selected organizations represent a near equal distribution of half disease-related and half disaster-related causes.

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