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Kayla's Hope Foundation and Kane County Specialty Courts Foundation Announcement

The Kane County Specialty Courts Foundation announces a grant of \$5,000 from Kayla's Hope Foundation. The grant will be used to support the Foundation's work with the Kane County Treatment Alternative Court (TAC) and their work with offenders who are suffering from a mental illness, co-occurring disorder, or development disability.

TAC is designed to get these justice-involved individuals the needed treatment so that they can return to being productive members of the community. The Kane County Specialty Courts Foundation was established to supplement the work of TAC by providing support that is not paid from the budgets of the Courts or Probation. That assistance includes providing milestone recognition, inpatient necessities, resources for group support activities and more.

Kayla's Hope Foundation was created to help bring about awareness to the staggering mental health crisis and normalize mental health concerns allowing others to freely seek help as they would any other health concern. Ruth Lehmann, Co-Founder of Kayla's Hope Foundation, says "It's OKAY to not be OKAY and it is so important to feel comfortable talking about it." Helping support organizations working to discover better treatment and better education about mental illness is an important element of the foundation.

"I am deeply grateful to Kayla's Hope Foundation and the Kane County Specialty Courts Foundation for their unwavering support of our Treatment Alternative Court and the individuals it serves," said Kane County State's Attorney Jamie L. Mosser. "These programs provide a lifeline for those struggling with mental health and co-occurring disorders, helping them receive the treatment and support they need to rebuild their lives and contribute positively to the community. The partnership between these foundations and our Specialty Courts is a powerful example of how dedicated resources and compassionate intervention can make a lasting impact."

The KCSCF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization of community members that supports the County's four Specialty Courts.

Kayla's Hope Foundation (kaylashope.org) is a component fund of the Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation and a charitable organization described in sections 501(c)(3) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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