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COLEMAN PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RECEIVES \$200,000 TRUST FOR APARTMENTS

KENT, Ohio (February 6, 2009) – Coleman Professional Services was recently the recipient of a generous donation from the family of the late Mr. Walter Capling, a dear friend of Coleman and the community. He passed away after suffering from lung cancer for more than six months. Walter was rescued from the streets of San Francisco by his mother, where he was homeless, and brought to Coleman’s Crisis Residential Unit in Ravenna in the late 1980’s. He lived in Coleman’s residential apartments and a group home from 1990 until his passing in 2008. Walter suffered from chronic mental illness for over 40 years. He received a variety of mental health services during his time at Coleman. He will be remembered and greatly missed for his intelligence and ability to be friendly to everyone.

Walter’s mother, Laura S. Capling, generously provided a donation of nearly \$177,000 from her testamentary trust to the Coleman Foundation. Mrs. Capling’s contribution will aid in the building of Franklin Apartments, a new 11-unit apartment complex for people with chronic mental illness. The Franklin Apartment’s project is a partnership of Coleman Professional Services, the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Portage County, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and the Coleman Foundation. The Ohio Department of Mental Health has issued a challenge grant of \$437,000 to Coleman for this project. Coleman Foundation has agreed to raise \$463,000 to match this grant. With the Capling Trust gift, the Foundation has raised \$199,000 of this match amount.

The Coleman Foundation plans to raise an additional \$264,000 to reach the goal of \$463,000 for this project. Walter’s Cousin and good friend Don Seeley added, “The trust set up by Walter’s mother distributed \$166,500 to the Coleman Foundation in December, and a final distribution will be made sometime in the first half of 2009 in the amount of approximately \$10,000.”

President and Chief Executive Officer of Coleman Professional Services, Nelson Burns, recalled, “Walter was a dear friend of mine, being close to Walter as young adolescents in Maplewood New Jersey, we went to the same church and schools together. We played for hours together as children, with chemistry sets and later in high school with chess; Walter almost always
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won. Through Walter's horrible disease of mental illness, I recognized that people can be very gifted in one way, yet have immeasurable challenges in other ways. Walter's memories will always make me feel humble and grateful for his friendship."

In addition to this distribution, the Laura S. Capling Trust also made a significant distribution to Nelson Burns, who in turn gave the entire bequest to the Franklin Apartments project. "While Laura wanted to graciously thank me; the Capling Trust should be devoted to people suffering from chronic mental illness," Burns said.

Coleman Professional Services is a nationally recognized not-for-profit provider of behavioral health and rehabilitation programs that improve the lives of individuals, families and businesses in Northeast Ohio. The company relies on an enterprise business model to diversify its funding. Coleman's foundation and three enterprise companies produce more than 25 percent of the company's funding for its award-winning programs.

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