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COLEMAN, NEOUCOM, HABITAT PARTNER TOGETHER

KENT, Ohio (May 13, 2008) – Senior Medical Students from NEOUCOM recently teamed up with Coleman Professional Services and Habitat for Humanity of Portage County to complete their clinical epilogues by helping tear down Coleman’s Franklin apartments on S.R. 59. Last year Coleman received a \$465,000 grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health to construct an 11 unit apartment complex over the current footprint of the existing buildings.

Dr. Elisabeth Young of NEOUCOM helped establish this project in keeping with the goal of establishing competent community-minded physicians with a commitment to giving back. NEOUCOM senior, Jameel Chohan, who has planned his post-grad work in Internal Medicine at Summa Care said, “It is important as a physician to never forget about the idea of service, both in the hospitals and in all aspects of life. I feel very grateful to give back to the community. I receive the most value and accomplishment through these meaningful projects.”

Other staff at NEOUCOM, Joann Hayes, Carol Harwood, and Mary Hilton all helped coordinate and pitch in with the student’s efforts.

Jan Bennett, Project Supervisor for Habitat and Habitat ReStore employee explained, “This project was a great fundraiser-almost everything went to use immediately. We were able to obtain almost \$1,000 in aluminum & other scrap metals. Truck loads of usable products went to the Habitat ReStore for resale, and the plants were shared with the partner families of Habitat.”

Coleman’s Public Relations Executive, Meghan Urbon, said, “We are so thankful both Habitat and NEOUCOM could not only help Coleman prepare for our new apartments but also benefit in accordance with their missions to fulfill their projects.”

The ReStore is part of Habitat for Humanity of Portage County. It’s full of things to refurbish, remodel, renew, and redefine your home. The ReStore accepts donations of new and nearly new building supplies, furniture and appliances and sells these at huge discount prices. It helps keep usable materials from going into landfills, too. Habitat uses the profits to build and

rehab houses in Portage County for those in need of decent and affordable housing. For info on donating or volunteering call 330-296-8005

NEOUCOM is a community-based, public institution that provides interdisciplinary training of health professionals, offering both a doctor of medicine and a doctor of pharmacy degree. The NEOUCOM educational consortium includes the Rootstown, Ohio, campus, eight teaching hospitals, 10 associated hospitals and two health departments. NEOUCOM is an equal opportunity educator and employer. The College of Medicine is committed to preparing students for the practice of medicine in a multicultural environment by increasing the diversity of the student body, faculty and staff and by enhancing policies, procedures and practices that support a collaborative environment.

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 40 percent of the company's funding for its award-winning programs.

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