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“Options” group of Coleman Professional Services creatively contributes donation to new Robinson Healing Garden

AKRON, Ohio (November, 2007) – Options, an adult recovery group of Coleman Professional Services, a non-profit mental health and rehabilitation service headquartered in Kent, presented a check for \$100 to Deborah Solan, Executive Director of the Robinson Memorial Hospital Foundation for Robinson Memorial Hospital’s new Healing Garden. Plans are for the healing garden to be located between the hospital and the new Robinson Medical Arts Building II.

The garden will provide comfort, solace, relaxation, and a restorative environment. It will also feature sitting areas, a fountain and beautiful landscaping. The cost of the garden, approximately \$50,000, is being raised through donations and the work of the Robinson Memorial Hospital Foundation.

The Options group provides its members with opportunities to reconnect with life hopes, goals and dreams through education, support and skill- building. The group is also committed to giving back to the community and worked hard to raise money for this donation. Over the summer, through several bake and rummage sales, individual donations, and by recycling the Options pop cans, the group raised the \$100 contributed to the garden.

“I think the Healing Garden project was a very small step towards meeting the larger goal.” Carl said. “My favorite quote comes from Dr. Pat Deegan, who refers to herself as a “consumer survivor” in mental health. She says, ‘the goal is not to become main stream but rather widen the

stream.' The hope is one day people living with mental illnesses are viewed as valued and contributing members of society.”

Members of Options often walk on the Robinson Memorial Hospital campus and are looking forward to enjoying the new Healing Garden when it opens in the spring of 2008.

For more information on donating to the Healing Garden, please contact the Robinson Memorial Hospital Foundation at 330-297-8802. For more information on Coleman Behavioral Health or Coleman Professional Services, please contact Meghan Urbon at 1(330) 676-6926 or view their website at www.coleman-professional.com.

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