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Coleman Nets Two Grants For New Year

Coleman Professional Services has been awarded two grants totaling \$147,000. One grant was awarded from the Ohio Department of Development Trust Funds and the Ohio Department of Mental Health for the purpose of rent subsidy and vocational development of persons with chronic mental illness. The second grant is from the Ohio Department of Mental Health for \$45,000 for the development of a peer mentor program and for vocational development of persons with chronic mental illness.

“These two awards are particularly significant because the money goes directly to rent subsidy and vocational placement.” Nelson W. Burns, Chief Executive Officer, explains... “People with chronic mental illness can benefit directly towards finding safe, decent and affordable housing and find employment; two key ingredients towards community stabilization.” The new peer mentor program is providing “seed monies” that will be self-sustaining into the future.

The grants are welcomed news to an already difficult financial time for people and their families suffering from chronic mental illness. Financial support for mental health services continues to be on the decrease from federal, state, and local public funds. Coleman is a member of the Portage Mental Health & Recovery Network. Coleman Professional Services continues to be successful in its applications for grants, its philanthropic quest for donations and its nonprofit business ventures.

Coleman Professional Services is a non-profit, mental health and addictions provider that has won national recognition for providing outstanding mental health services to its community. The organization serves people in Portage, Summit, Stark, Mahoning, Columbiana and Trumbull Counties of Ohio. Contact Coleman using their general office number at 330-673-1347 or the 24-hr./ 7-day Evaluation and Crisis number 330-296-3555. For more program details and prevention education, look Coleman up on the web at www.colemanprof.com.