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LogistiCare Foundation Awards \$7,500 Grant to Toledo-Lucas County (Ohio) CareNet

ATLANTA – The LogistiCare Foundation Inc. has awarded a \$7,500 grant to Toledo-Lucas County (Ohio) CareNet, a non-profit organization that enables access to healthcare for low-income individuals that are not eligible for public or private healthcare coverage. The grant money will be used to fund CareNet’s pilot Transportation for Health program.

The program is designed to help meet the emergent health needs of members by making a specialized level of transportation available to members by helping them qualify for public transit assistance and negotiating below-market rates with local transportation providers. CareNet members currently have access to free transportation on city buses to regular medical appointments. But a higher level of service, like an ambulette or wheelchair van often is needed when the bus does not provide service to the area the member needs to go for care or when the member’s condition would not make it possible for them to ride the bus.

“CareNet appreciates the support of The LogistiCare Foundation,” said Jan Ruma, executive director of CareNet. “We focus on prevention and cost avoidance by treating health conditions that result in improved quality of life and eliminate costly emergency room visits.”

“We are proud to be able to lend support to CareNet’s Transportation for Health program,” said Chanda Forsythe, program director of The LogistiCare Foundation. “Helping to ensure that persons most in need have access to the appropriate level of healthcare is a very important component in managing the overall costs of healthcare for everyone.”

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The pilot will run for one year, after which time CareNet will evaluate the program's success at efficiently directing the transportation support to members with the greatest need. One component in the evaluation process will include asking CareNet members to explain how the program made a difference to them. All information will then be used to determine if the pilot should be continued.

About The LogistiCare Foundation

The LogistiCare Foundation was established in 2004 and is based in Atlanta. It is recognized as a private charitable foundation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. As a private foundation, the mission of The LogistiCare Foundation is to increase access to transportation for senior citizens, persons with disabilities and persons living in poverty. LogistiCare is the nation's leading provider of specialized transportation network management. For more information, visit www.logisticare.com.

About CareNet

Toledo-Lucas County CareNet is a nonprofit organization founded in 2003 by Mercy Health Partners, ProMedica Health System and the City of Toledo to tackle issues facing people who otherwise would fall through the cracks of traditional healthcare coverage. It offers a wide range of services to its nearly 7,000 members, including primary healthcare, hospital services and transportation to medical appointments.

Since its inception, CareNet has grown to include all hospitals in the county, the Academy of Medicine, safety net providers, private physicians and other healthcare providers committed to serving the uninsured. CareNet has received state and national recognition for its uniform approach to charity care that addresses the access issues of awareness, coordination, cost and transportation.

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