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PROMUTUAL GROUP DONATION BENEFITS NEW HAMPSHIRE PROFESSIONAL HEALTH PROGRAM



Dr. Sally Garhart (left), director of the New Hampshire Professional Health Program, accepts a donation from Thom Lavoie (center), senior marketing representative, and Bonnie Ellis (right), senior account specialist, both of ProMutual Group.

Boston, MA (March 23, 2007) – ProMutual Group is pleased to announce that on Friday, March 9, 2007, an \$8,000 donation was made to the New Hampshire Professional Health Program. This donation is one in a series the company has planned for 2007 to support physician health programs throughout the states in which it currently insures healthcare providers.

The purpose of the New Hampshire Professional Health Program is to be available to physicians, dentists, medical residents and students in New Hampshire to both educate and help them assess health-related issues that could impact their personal and professional lives. The goal is to assist healthcare providers in finding appropriate treatment for whatever condition is impairing them. The program specializes in assisting physicians and dentists who are experiencing substance use disorders or mental health problems, but is available for a wide range of other situations that physicians may encounter including professional misconduct or stress management.

“This donation is a major contribution for us and will allow the Professional Health Program to proceed on a path towards developing a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization under the New Hampshire Medical Society,” said Dr. Sally Garhart, director of the New Hampshire Professional Health Program. “We are very happy to have a leading malpractice insurer recognize that preventative measures in maintaining physician and dentist well-being will benefit everyone.”

ProMutual Group is dedicated to supporting the well-being of individuals in the professional community which it serves. Over the last decade alone, the company has donated in excess of

\$2.5 million to similar healthcare industry programs. ProMutual Group has made contributions to state programs such as the Massachusetts Medical Society's Physician Health Services, the Rhode Island Medical Society's Physician Health Program and the New Jersey Physician Health Program. The company regards its contribution to physician health programs as one of its many efforts to advocate for physician well-being and patient safety.

"The services that the New Hampshire Professional Health Program provides does so much good for the well-being of the state's healthcare providers," said Gregg L. Hanson, ProMutual Group's senior vice president of underwriting. "Supporting healthcare professionals in crisis is so important and together we can help physicians be well in order to do what they do best: provide excellent care to patients."

Recognizing the critical importance of supporting physician well-being, ProMutual Group has planned donations to additional physician health programs throughout 2007. ProMutual Group will make contributions to individual programs which are supported by local medical organizations in the states the company currently operates.

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