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NOVEMBER 19, 2010, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MN—Human Services, Inc. (HSI) of Washington County has announced the transition of its senior service programs to Presbyterian Homes & Services (PHS). The transition will include Meals on Wheels and Circle of Friends Adult Day Care. Both programs will continue without interruption.

“Moving social services to another provider allows us to refocus on our core services of behavioral health.” said Mark Kuppe, CEO of HSI. “We can also dedicate our resources and energies to add a new focus on behavioral health for seniors.”

The Meals on Wheels program, which is funded in part by the Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging (MAAA) and provides home-delivered meals to 240 seniors, will now be served by Creative Senior Dining (CSD), a program of PHS. "Our mission is to serve the seniors and give them what they would like. We're very confident that the participants will be satisfied with our program," said Bill Hagstrom of PHS. Over 80 meal options are available. Meals will be delivered weekly by a Service Coordinator in ready-to-heat packages. Seniors in the program will also have the choice of a supportive check-in with the weekly delivery, a daily volunteer visit to heat the meal and offer social and physical support, or daily hot-meal delivery and support by a volunteer.

The Circle of Friends Adult Day Care, located at Boutwells Landing in Oak Park Heights, serves 65 seniors annually with an average attendance of 15 seniors on any

given day. The program began in 1998 and moved to Boutwells Landing in 2001. There are no expected changes in operation or service once the transition to PHS is complete. Boutwells Landing is owned by Valley Senior Services Alliance, a partnership of Presbyterian Homes & Services, Lakeview Hospital and Croixdale.

“Presbyterian Homes has demonstrated that they are taking steps to make this transition a positive one for clients, staff and volunteers.” Kuppe said. The agreement between PHS and HSI, both non-profit organizations, provides options for HSI volunteers to continue daily or weekly visits and support to those receiving home-delivered meals. Jeremy Misener, HSI Nutrition Supervisor will continue as staff for PHS. The two organizations are working on an agreement for the transition of existing staff to the new programs.

Both non-profit organizations have decades experience in serving older adults. For over 35 years, Human Services, Inc. has been providing services for seniors and adults with disabilities including nutritional services adult day programs, and transportation.

Presbyterian Homes & Services, based in Roseville has been providing housing and services to older adults for over 50 years and has experience listening to them to learn and offer what they want.

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