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## **Cedar Community Receives Generous Grant to Serve Residents During COVID19**

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**West Bend – April 30, 2020** – Cedar Community is pleased to announce the organization is the recipient of a generous grant from leaders of the National Exchange Bank Foundation Inc. The Fond du Lac-based foundation has donated \$100,000 to help Cedar Community offset healthcare costs directly related to the COVID19 pandemic.

“In recent days and weeks we have been hearing much in the media about the very real challenges being faced by hospitals and first responders. Here at Cedar Community, our skilled nursing and assisted living nurses and caregivers are facing these same challenges,” says Nicole Pretre, Vice President of Development. “They are critical as the front-line defenders and caregivers for our residents. We are beyond grateful for the incredible generosity of the National Exchange Bank Foundation. Their gift will help us continue to serve our residents who are at significant of risk of falling victim to the COVID-19 virus.”

Cedar Community continues to follow all of the guidelines of federal, state, and local health officials. Like many other healthcare organizations, Cedar Community is experiencing higher costs due to increased staffing levels and additional personal protective gear needed by team members caring for residents in skilled nursing, assisted living, memory care, home health, and hospice.

“There are many local organizations carrying out vital work in these uncertain and unprecedented times,” stated Sarah Malchow, Cedar Community Director of Philanthropy. “National Exchange Bank Foundation has demonstrated their commitment to the health and safety of seniors in our community. We are incredibly grateful for the support of such a valued and generous local business partner.”

### **About National Exchange Bank Foundation**

National Exchange Bank Foundation Inc., originally founded as the Stone Foundation, Inc., is a private philanthropic family foundation created by the family ownership of National Exchange Bank & Trust. The Foundation supports projects, scholarships and charitable organization initiatives that demonstrate a positive impact to communities. It has a particular focus on supporting organizations that assist youth and those that provide services to fulfill basic human needs including community food pantries and action agencies.

### **About Cedar Community**

Live more at Cedar Community, where their natural settings, faith-based mission and high-quality services afford seniors the opportunity to live a more purposeful, fulfilled life among family and friends. From beautiful homes and apartments for active and independent retirees, to assisted living, short-term care and rehabilitation, skilled nursing and memory loss services, Cedar Community is the only community in Washington County where people age 55 and better have the peace of mind, knowing the services they may need are right there, provided by a team of professionals they know and trust.

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