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**SAMARACARE RECEIVES \$25,000 GRANT FROM DUPAGE FOUNDATION**

**Naperville, IL, June 16, 2022** –SamaraCare has received a \$25,000 grant from the Martha J. Johnson Fund of the DuPage Foundation to support its Mental Health Access Program which provides counseling fee subsidy assistance to under-resourced clients. As part of its *Community Needs Grant Program*, DuPage Foundation granted \$678,480 to 37 not-for-profit organizations providing essential health and human services to residents.

“We sincerely thank the DuPage Foundation for their continued support of our organization. This grant will help change the lives of the many clients we serve who cannot afford mental health care.” said Scott Mitchell, SamaraCare President & CEO. “We are grateful to the DuPage Foundation for recognizing the increased need for reduced cost mental health care in light of the economic and psychological fall-out from the pandemic.”

The Mental Health Access Program was created, in tandem with SamaraCare’s mission, to offer reduced cost care on a sliding scale basis to qualified individuals who are uninsured, under-insured, or encounter financial limitations. SamaraCare spends approximately \$500,000 per year in fee subsidy assistance. On average, 20-25% of SamaraCare’s client base requires financial assistance at any given time.

**About SamaraCare**

Founded 50 years ago, SamaraCare is a non-profit, outpatient behavioral health provider operating in six Chicagoland counties. SamaraCare offers both in-person and teletherapy (virtual) sessions. It provides high-quality psychological counseling, psychotherapy and psychiatric treatment to diverse populations across the lifespan including individuals, couples and families from varied financial means. SamaraCare also offers customized mental health educational/wellness programming to increase community understanding and reduce the stigma associated with mental health issues.

**About DuPage Foundation**

DuPage Foundation, a 501(c)(3) community foundation, is the philanthropic leader in DuPage County, Illinois. DuPage Foundation manages more than \$130 million in assets and has awarded more than \$65 million in grants to not-for-profit organizations serving the residents of DuPage County since its founding in 1986. Individuals and organizations seeking to provide impactful support to address critical issues in DuPage County and beyond can create powerful customizable gift solutions and partnerships through DuPage Foundation. More at [dupagefoundation.org](http://dupagefoundation.org).

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