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## **WCHS Completes Duplex Project for Healthcare Personnel**

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS)'s Staff Quarters Project is complete. This summer, WCHS was responsible for a two-unit home that will be used to provide temporary housing solutions as needed.

As a 24/7 healthcare facility, providing local convenient access to suitable overnight, and short-term accommodations for providers, potential employees, and service teams has been a consistent need since the hospital was assumed by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska in 2018.

"WCHS is always striving to ensure enough doctors, nurse practitioners, and other healthcare professionals are available to serve the community," explains David Edwards, CEO. "This investment represents a huge advancement in overcoming accommodation obstacles as we seek to recruit more talented professionals to serve and transition to the area."

Designed to provide a comfortable, temporary environment for WCHS staff or invited guests, these living quarters can also offer proximity, which can be beneficial for staff who need to work extra hours, or during an initial period before long-term contracts for housing or employment are signed. Located in Winnebago's Ho-Chunk Village 2.0, the new construction includes a unit with 1 bedroom, 1 bathroom, and 1-stall garage, and a unit with 2-bedrooms, 2-bathrooms, and a 2-stall garage. Both quarters will come with a state-of-the-art kitchen, in-unit laundry, new appliances, front porch, and back deck and will be furnished over time.

Funded by a grant from the Indian Health Service, an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, and built by HCI's BluStone Homes, a subsidiary of Ho-Chunk Capital this duplex will be a welcome addition to WCHS and will be used to support and improve staff recruitment and retention.

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The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) is dedicated to creating and sustaining a healthy community in Winnebago and all the populations we serve. Our



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organization provides an integrated approach to medicine by offering care services that are compassionate, innovative, and culturally-centered. Our goal is to lead the nation in health for indigenous people by challenging the culture of healthcare for the 10,000 Native Americans who live on the Winnebago Reservation and in the surrounding region. The rural healthcare services we provide include renowned acute care hospital services, a robust primary care clinic, and impressive prevention programs designed to educate, encourage, and support the mental, environmental, social, and physical wellness needs of the Winnebago community. Visit www.wchs.health to learn more.