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### CHEROKEE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER SUPPORTS ROTARY CLUB BACKPACK BUDDIES PROGRAM

During the month of March, Cherokee Regional Medical Center employees donated funds totaling \$4,227.11 to supplement the Cherokee Rotary Club's efforts to provide kid friendly food packets to local area students in need. Through contributions from Rotary members and local businesses such as CRMC, the Rotary Club prepares and distributes the food packets to elementary students each Friday, providing easy, nutritious alternatives for the weekend when school lunches are not available.

"Studies show that about 1 in 6 children in Iowa under age 18 are food insecure and may not be getting sufficient meals and nutrition when away from school," said Kent Lundquist, Public Relations Manager for CRMC. "We are pleased to help offset some of the negative effects of hunger locally by supporting the Cherokee Rotary Club's efforts to provide meals and snacks to area children in need through the Backpack Buddies program."

Anyone interested in donating to this worthy cause is encouraged to contact Cherokee Rotary Club member and Backpack Buddies coordinator, Brenda Perrin at (712) 225-2737.

Please see attached photo and outline



**Photo: Employees of Cherokee Regional Medical Center recently presented a check in the amount of \$4,227.11 to the Cherokee Rotary Club in support of their Backpack Buddies program. The funds donated by CRMC employees will provide approximately 1,300 meal packets to area elementary students participating in the program.**