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OPTIMAE MARKS ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY IN STORY COUNTY WITH PROPERTY PURCHASE

APRIL 29, 2016 (DES MOINES, IA) – Optimae LifeServices announced today during its one-year anniversary celebration in Story County that it will purchase the county-owned building that houses its services.

Optimae LifeServices has entered into an agreement with the Story County Board of Supervisors to purchase the building at 104 South Hazel in Ames that housed its former Community Life Program. Optimae began managing the program last May and celebrated its one-year anniversary today with an open house.

“This purchase allows Story County to return the property to the tax rolls, while providing Optimae LifeServices a permanent home in the Ames community,” said William Dodds, president of Optimae. “We are invested in Story County and here for the long haul, ensuring residents have access to the best possible services.”

Optimae will take over the property July 1 when its lease expires. It will continue to lease three residential care facilities owned by the county.

The Story County Board of Supervisors selected Optimae last year to take over its county-run mental health services. Optimae has since served more than 140 customers and grown programming in the area to include jail diversion, community integration programs, home health and behavioral health services and the In Zone, a drop-in day program that provides free meals and activities for the community.

The company also added more housing sites that provide staff support, including four three-person duplexes and a four person transitional home that gives homeless people a place to stay while they get back on their feet.

“Story County is pleased with the partnership it has with Optimae LifeServices and the provision of quality services to clients and families,” said Paul Toot, chair of the Story County Board of Supervisors. “We look forward to our continued work together not only with the sale of the building but also the development of other services to benefit Story County residents and the Central Iowa Community Services Region.”

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About Optimae LifeServices

Optimae LifeServices, Inc. provides healthcare and human services for individuals with disabilities and mental illness in 28 Southeastern and Central Iowa counties. For nearly three decades, we have equipped our customers with supports and services that encourage choice, empowerment and community integration. Our programs include community-based, behavioral health, home health and residential care services. We advocate for the rights and needs of more than 3,100 Iowans each year, providing the quality of care we would want for our own family.