

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Luther Care Services receives \$10,000 Community Betterment Grant from Prairie Meadows**

Des Moines (July 11, 2011) Luther Care Services received a \$10,000 grant from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino through its 2010 Community Betterment Grant Program, that was immediately applied to Alzheimer's education and care at Trinity Center in Luther Park.

"Luther Park feels very blessed to have received this grant from Prairie Meadows." This money will immediately help us bring the outdoors in to Alzheimer's residents who suffer from *sundown syndrome* by opening up Trinity Center's community space to nature's wellness-sunlight" said Ray Main, Director of Development at Luther Park.



The Prairie Meadows Grants Advisory Committee, comprised of community, business and education leaders from the greater Des Moines area, review all grant requests and recommend funding levels. Recommendations are then presented to the Prairie Meadows Board of Directors for review and approval. Prairie Meadows Community Betterment Grants are given to projects in one of four categories: Arts & Culture, Economic Development, Education and Human Services.

Members of the Prairie Meadows Grants Advisory Committee include: Dr. Jerry Deegan, Dr. Thomas Glenn, Linda Grandquist, Chaunci Hall, Mike Mathews, Dr. Andy McGuire, Mike Mathews, Loretta Sieman, Brad Skinner, John P. Smith, Don Timmins, Karrie Weinhardt, Martha Willits and Tom Whitney.

Prairie Meadows has returned more than \$1 billion through taxes, grants and charitable donations to lowans. Over \$400 million has remained in central Iowa for education, economic development, agriculture, jobs and tourism. Prairie Meadows stands alone in its charitable giving by giving back over 40% of its revenues back to the community to work towards improving the quality of life for every Iowan.