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**MADISON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION AWARDS \$25,000 GRANT
TO VERA COURT NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER FOR COMMUNITY BUILDING**

January, 2018 – Madison, WI – Vera Court Neighborhood Center has received a \$25,000 grant from Madison Community Foundation (MCF) toward their Vera Vision 2020 campaign. The grant will help Vera Court introduce new adult enrichment programming in 2018.

Vera Court will launch adult engagement programs including ongoing classes, educational workshops, and community-building events. Madison Community Foundation's donation will help strengthen intergenerational and cross-cultural connections between community members. Upcoming activities include special events for seniors, computer literacy workshops, nutrition and health classes, and gentle fitness instruction. Vera Vision 2020 will make these new services possible by doubling the size of the center and hiring additional support staff.

"We are very grateful for Madison Community Foundation's generous support. Their donation toward the Vera Vision 2020 campaign will improve our ability to serve adults in the Vera Court neighborhood. We look forward to offering adult enrichment programs and engaging community members of all ages and backgrounds," said Thomas Solyst, executive director of Vera Court Neighborhood Center.

This grant was funded by two MCF endowment funds, the Charles Hathaway Trust Fund and the Ecumenical Housing Cooperation Fund for the Elderly, which are part of a program that invests nearly \$2 million a year in the arts, education, community development, environment, nonprofit capacity, children, and seniors. Together with its donors, MCF gives nearly \$10 million in grants to support nonprofits in Dane County and around the world every year. For more information, visit www.madisongives.org.

Vera Court Neighborhood Center is a non-profit agency on Madison's Northside. The center serves over 5000 residents a year through services including early childhood programming, after-school and summer camp for elementary and middle school students, high school programming, nutritious meals, and access to translation and social services. For more information, visit www.veracourt.org.

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