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**United Hospital District Ambulance Receives Compeer Grant Award**  
*Funds to be used for new ambulance equipment*

**Blue Earth, MN – January 2, 2020** – The ambulance department at United Hospital District (UHD) has been awarded a grant of \$2,436.00 from Compeer Financial as part of the Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America (Fund for Rural America). The money offsets the purchase of ambulance equipment requested by UHD to enhance ambulance safety and improve response performance.

UHD accepted the check from Compeer Financial Crop Insurance Officer Britney Haugh on December 12, 2019. Representing UHD were Safety Officer and Ambulance Director Adam Grant, Chief Nursing Officer Melissa Storbeck and Chief Financial Officer Patrick Justin. The grant application had been submitted by Ambulance Director Grant.

Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America is a giving program established to enrich agriculture and rural America. Awards are concentrated within Compeer's territory and on those programs that fit strategically with the intent of its clients and the communities in which they live.

The equipment for UHD's ambulance approved in the grant award includes a stretcher that will improve patient transport safety and comfort, a battery-powered suction device that aids patients who are unconscious or experiencing compromised airways, and a deluxe splint kit that offers multiple splint sizes and specifically accommodates pediatric patients. Each item is an upgrade from current apparatus on the rig.

UHD, located in Blue Earth, MN, is a system of care comprised of a 25-bed acute care hospital, comprehensive outpatient services, adolescent treatment center, ambulance service and home health/hospice care all supported by a 20-plus multi-specialty provider group with four clinic locations across two counties.



Above: United Hospital District accepted a grant award in the amount of \$2,436.00 from Compeer Financial Fund for Rural America on December 12, 2019. The grant money was used to purchase the new ambulance equipment shown. Pictured at the ceremonial transfer are (left to right): UHD Ambulance Director Adam Grant, Chief Nursing Officer Melissa Storbeck and Chief Financial Officer Patrick Justin, along with Compeer Financial Crop Insurance Officer Britney Haugh.

Below: New grant funded UHD ambulance equipment includes a state-of-the-art stretcher, battery powered suction unit and deluxe splinter kit. Each item is an upgrade from current ambulance apparatus.

