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**Truman Medical Center Lakewood Donates Transportation Van  
To the Fairmount Community Center**

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**KANSAS CITY, MO** – Truman Medical Center (TMC) Lakewood announced the donation of a handicapped accessible transportation van to the Fairmount Community Center in Independence during the Northwest Communities Development Corporation (NWCDC) annual dinner on Thursday, March 24. The van will be used for transporting area seniors to the community center for activities and events.

“We are elated that TMC Lakewood has made this wonderful donation, we have been working toward acquiring a transportation van for our seniors for more than a year and a half,” said Bill Rogers, Executive Director of the NWCDC. “What is especially attractive about this van is that it is handicapped accessible with a lift system, which will allow us the opportunity to bring more of our less mobile seniors to the center for activities that previously they may not have been able to access. This is really a great partnership and we all want to thank TMC Lakewood.”

TMC Lakewood recently received a generous donation from the George Nettleton Foundation of a brand new transportation bus. Because of this wonderful donation, TMC Lakewood no longer had the need for this transportation van. Rather than sell it, TMC Lakewood decided to give back to the Eastern Jackson County community by providing the van to the Fairmount Community Center so that they could offer transportation services to their seniors. TMC Lakewood purchased the van new in 1999 via a grant from the Missouri Department of Transportation. TMC has taken excellent mechanical and physical care of the van and it will provide the Fairmount Community Center with many years of valuable service.

“Partnerships are vital to the success of any community organization,” said Charlie Shields, TMC Lakewood COO. “TMC Lakewood is proud to be a partner with the Northwest Communities Development Corporation and it is our pleasure to be able to

offer this handicapped accessible, transportation van to the Fairmount Community Center. Our hope is that transportation will never be a reason for someone not to be able to access this wonderful community asset.”

#### **About TMC Lakewood**

**Truman Medical Center Lakewood is part of a not-for-profit, two acute-care hospital health system in Kansas City.** In addition to Lakewood, the TMC Health System includes TMC Hospital Hill, TMC Behavioral Health, a 212-bed Long Term Care facility, the management of the Jackson County Health Department and a number of primary care practices throughout Eastern Jackson County. TMC Lakewood is the primary teaching hospital for the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine, Department of Community and Family Medicine residency program and specializes in family medicine, geriatrics, dentistry, sports medicine and orthopaedics. For more information, please call (816) 404-3785 or visit [www.trumed.org](http://www.trumed.org).

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