

Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department donated 20 fans to Hi Line Home Health and Community Hospital Home Health and Hospice for use in extreme heat this summer. Heidi Wheeler, emergency response coordinator at SWNPHD presented the fans.

"We saw an increase in heat-related illness this summer, especially among our senior population and wanted to address this need," shares Wheeler. "Our partners are very valuable in reaching citizens in our eight counties and we look forward to future projects with them." Hi Line Home Health covers four counties within the SWNPHD district: Perkins, Chase, Dundy and Hayes. Director Shaun Meyer accepted the fans and will allow clients to borrow them during the extreme heat.

"We appreciate the fan donation from SWNPHD and support their efforts encouraging citizens to be prepared for emergencies and disasters," states Meyer. "These partnerships benefit our area residents when we are both working toward common goals."

Diane Sandall, Community Hospital Home Health and Hospice Director is also pleased with the fan partnership.

"We serve residents in Red Willow, Frontier, Hayes, Hitchcock, Furnas, Dundy and Chase counties, which is similar to SWNPHD and makes us great partners," explains Sandall. "It is our belief that these special people should be able to live their lives to the fullest extent possible. The fans can help us reach that goal."