KALONA COOPERATIVE TECHNOLOGY COMPANY

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KCTC & AUREON AWARD CHARITY GRANT TO LOCAL NURSING HOME

Kalona Cooperative Technology Company (KCTC) and Aureon are pleased to announce the latest local Charity Grant recipient.

WASHINGTON, IOWA – August 31,2022 – Kalona Cooperative Technology Company (KCTC) and Aureon are pleased to announce that United Presbyterian Home (UP Home) is a 2022 Charity Grant recipient. This grant was presented in conjunction with KCTC who not only sponsored the grant application but will be matching it as well. Upon reviewing an abundance of applications, the Aureon Charity Grant Committee delegated funds to projects committee to the betterment of local Iowa communities.

This grant to the UP Home will enable them to upgrade their current phone system. Moving to a VoIP (voice over internet protocol) phone service will effectively improve communication across their campus and create a more efficient work environment.

"KCTC appreciates the efforts of UP Home. Their passion and dedication to our community has a tremendous impact," Casey Peck, KCTC GM. "We are proud to partner with Aureon to make this grant possible.

"At Aureon, we know the importance of our rural Iowa communities," said Scott Behn, CEO of Aureon. "That is why we are dedicated to supporting the nonprofit organizations that bring forth these community-improvement projects that will help these communities thrive. We look forward to aiding future projects that are sure to positively impact rural Iowans."

The Aureon Charity Grant Program was established in 1993 to increase service and support to rural independent telecommunication companies and the communities they serve. The Aureon Charity Grant Program awards grants on a quarterly basis and has donated over \$1 million to Iowa nonprofit organizations over the last twenty-seven years. To learn more, please contact <u>Giving@Aureon.com</u>.

About KCTC

Founded in 1905, the Kalona Cooperative Technology Company has grown into one of the most advanced telecommunications companies in the area. Our staff of highly trained technicians and representatives know how vital it is to have reliable service and the absolute importance of customer satisfaction. KCTC keeps you connected, whether at home or at your business and continues to provide the services our community needs and wants, from Telephone – Traditional or VoIP, Fiber Internet, Epic TV, Web, or Security – you can count on KCTC.

About Aureon

Aureon is a business solutions provider committed to developing custom solutions for businesses of any size. For more than 30 years, connectivity has been the hallmark of our vision and has been woven into the network of services we provide Clients. Our dedicated experts deliver network connectivity, voice and data communications, managed IT, outsourced call center support and project management solutions that allow you to securely grow your business. From technology to consulting to contact center operations, we offer trusted and reliable solutions so our Clients can focus on what they do best – running their businesses. When you connect with Aureon, you connect with solutions. For more information, visit <u>Aureon.com</u>.