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# NEWS RELEASE

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## Dubuque Circles® and Project Concern to Host ‘Faces of Homelessness’ Event

DUBUQUE, Iowa – November is National Homeless Awareness Month. In recognition, the Dubuque Circles® Initiative and Project Concern will host a “Faces of Homelessness” event at the Circles Big View night on Tuesday, Oct. 28, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Prescott Elementary School (1151 White St.). The event is free and open to the public.

The second annual “Faces of Homelessness” event will bring together service providers who work with the homeless and feature a panel of participants who have experienced homelessness to shed light on the issue.

The Dubuque Circles Initiative is part of an innovative national movement that connects volunteers and community leaders to families wanting to make the journey out of poverty. Circles’ “Big View” takes on systematic issues that affect the everyday lives of those living in poverty like affordable housing, education and transportation.

Project Concern’s mission is to support the community by caring for individuals and families who are homeless or living in poverty. Through the 211 Hotline, which provides free and confidential information and social service referrals, their vision is that all who are experiencing hardships will have their basic needs met and a place to call home. Project Concern’s Homeless Program also provides direct supportive services for those who are currently homeless or at immediate risk of eviction. The City of Dubuque’s Housing and Community Development Department and Project Concern also partner to coordinate the Shelter Plus Care program, a permanent

supportive housing program for individuals and families that are homeless and have mental health or substance abuse disorders.

For additional information, please call Malia Dunn at Project Concern at 563-588-3980 or the Circles office at 563-589-4230.

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