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Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program, Inc. receives \$20,000 grant from the NiSource Charitable Foundation

LEXINGTON, Ky. – November 19, 2007 – The Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program (BDVP) is another step closer to owning a permanent facility, with a \$20,000 grant from the NiSource Charitable Foundation presented to the organization by representatives of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, a NiSource company.

“We are grateful to the NiSource Charitable Foundation for their investment in our facility and for their belief in our organization’s work to end intimate partner abuse in Central Kentucky,” said Darlene Thomas, executive director of the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program, Inc.

The organization has leased its 40-acre emergency shelter facility in Fayette County since 2005, but is now raising funds to purchase the facility. In fiscal year 2006, BDVP provided services for almost 3,500 families impacted by intimate partner abuse and answered over 6,800 calls for help on their 24-hour confidential crisis line. BDVP serves Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott and Woodford counties.

“We commend the outstanding work and valuable services that the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Center provides to the Central Kentucky community,” said Lisa Smith, communications manager for Columbia Gas of Kentucky. “It is our hope that this grant from the NiSource Charitable Foundation enables them to continue their efforts to end intimate partner abuse and the impact it has on the families throughout our region.”

“NiSource and Columbia Gas of Kentucky have a long history of providing funding and resources to organizations that do an array of good work,” NiSource Charitable Foundation Executive Director Charles E. Moran said. “This grant reaffirms our commitment to strengthen the communities we serve and where our employees live.”

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