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## Winnebago County Health Department initiative receives grant from Community Foundation of Northern Illinois for Trauma Informed Community Film Series

Rockford, IL – Through a grant from the Community Grants Program of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois (CFNIL) with support from the Community Opportunity Fund, the film *Precious* will be screened at 7pm, October 17, 2018 at the Rockford Public Library's Nordlof Center, J.R. Sullivan Theater, 118 N. Main St., Rockford with a the panel discussion to follow.

This is the fifth film in a collection of six being viewed and discussed by the community to increase awareness of the impact of adverse childhood experience (trauma). Other films have been sponsored by partners including Crusader Community Health, the United Way of the Rock River Valley, Rosecrance Health Network, and private donors. We are grateful to our community partnerships and the CFNIL for their sponsorship to help raise community awareness about trauma.

The Winnebago County Health Department is leading a collaborative effort toward becoming a trauma informed community. This collaboration of partners, known as the Winnebago County Trauma Informed Community, recognizes the collective impact of adverse experiences and fosters resiliency and well-being in its residents. "Trauma impacts all three of our community's health priorities: Violence Prevention, Maternal and Child Health, and Mental and Behavioral Health," said Dr. Sandra Martell, Public Health Administrator of the Winnebago County Health Department, "Raising awareness is the first step to becoming a trauma informed community."

For more information, visit the Winnebago County Trauma Informed Community Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/WinnCoTIC/> or email [tic@wchd.org](mailto:tic@wchd.org).

### About the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois:

The mission of the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois is to serve as a catalyst for giving in order to attract, preserve, and grow an endowment for the current and future needs of the people of Northern Illinois. Since its founding in 1953, CFNIL has granted more than \$65 million for charitable purposes in the region.

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