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Grand Island VA to Hold ‘Stairway to Health’ Ribbon Cutting

OMAHA, Neb. — Veterans and employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs health care facility in Grand Island, Neb., now have a scenic view to encourage them to use the stairs.

A ribbon-cutting is being held at 10 a.m. July 3 to dedicate the Stairway to Health at the VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System Grand Island facility, 2201 N. Broadwell Ave. Veterans and the community are invited to attend the event.

The event will be at the entrance to the stairwell on the first floor of the facility. Veterans and employees can take a tour of the five murals that are painted on the walls between floors.

The funding for hiring the artists from Mural Mural in Grand Island was provided by a grant for the VA Employee Health Prevention/Disease Prevention Program. The goal – increase use of the stairwells, and to promote physical activity in a pleasing aesthetic environment.

The murals each contain one of the five words from the VA’s core values, which are Integrity, Commitment, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence (I CARE).

Free bottles of water and fresh fruit will be available for people taking the tour during the ribbon cutting.

MEDIA NOTE: To cover the event, contact Will Ackerman, Public Affairs Officer, at William.ackerman@va.gov or 402-995-4719 by 3 p.m. July 2.

The VA Nebraska-Western Iowa Health Care System’s mission is to honor America’s Veterans by providing exceptional health care that improves their health and well-being. VA NWIHCS employees serve more than 161,000 Veterans in Nebraska, western Iowa and portions of Kansas and Missouri. The system includes a tertiary medical center in Omaha and a Community Living Center in Grand Island, Neb. Community-based outpatient clinics are located in Lincoln, Grand Island, North Platte, Norfolk, and Bellevue, Neb., and Shenandoah, Iowa; and a contract outreach clinic in O’Neill, Neb. For more information, visit www.nebraska.va.gov.

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