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Matching Grant

On Thursday, March 23, Northern Community Mediation (NCM) celebrated the purchase of its new office condominium in Mitchell Park Center with a ribbon cutting ceremony, where all five Chambers of Commerce were represented. Since then NCM has been hosting a series of open houses. NCM had a very pleasant surprise at its open house on Wednesday, May 3.

President of the Emmet-Charlevoix Bar Association (ECBA) Maggie Steffy announced that the ECBA would provide the funds to match all donations to NCM designated to go towards relocation expenses that are made through the end of June 2023 up to \$1,000. This was followed by attorney Stefan Scholl stepping forward and saying he would also provide a \$1,000 match. What does this mean to NCM? As Tina DeMoore explained, "If someone contributes \$100 to the cause, that will be matched with \$100 from the ECBA and \$100 from Stefan Scholl. The result? \$100 becomes \$300."

Executive Director Dr. Jane Millar is most appreciative of the generosity of the ECBA and Stefan Scholl. "When we were preparing the budget for 2023, purchasing a new facility was not on the horizon. As fate would have it, however, Units 3 and 4 at 2202 Mitchell Park Drive became available for sale. It was the perfect arrangement for NCM; so, we bought the property. This meant that we incurred relocation expenses which were not in the budget."

Anyone wishing to make a donation to NCM can do so by sending a check or by clicking on the donate button on the NCM website www.northernmediation.org. In both cases, stipulate that the contribution is to go towards relocation expenses.

Northern Community Mediation is a non-profit organization that provides an alternative means of resolving conflict. Trained mediators, who meet with the parties involved in a dispute, facilitate the process so that the individuals themselves can resolve the conflict

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Picture of the guests at the ribbon cutting.