



Interlude, Inc.

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Interlude Inc. Receives Grants from Robert G. and Marguerite M. Derx Foundation

DANBURY, Connecticut – Interlude, Inc. has announced that the Robert G. and Marguerite M. Derx Foundation of New Fairfield awarded a \$20,000 general operating grant to fund its services in fiscal year 2010. In addition, the Derx Foundation has awarded Interlude \$15,000 in matching challenge grant funding for Interlude programs. \$10,000 of these challenge funds were matched by the Melville Charitable Trust, and \$5,000 by individual donors from a fall fundraising event. This funding will help close a shortfall faced by Interlude due to the difficult economic climate and budget cuts.

The Derx Foundation’s generous funding will allow Interlude to maintain its residential programs and support for clients with mental illness and clients with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders. Interlude Executive Director, Kathleen Deschenes, stated “We are honored to receive this unprecedented support from the Derx Foundation. They have provided funding to our Recovery Program for three years, and now they have come to our aid with general funding during a very difficult financial year. The Derx Foundation’s support will enable our residential programs to become fiscally solvent as well as increase each program’s capacity.”

Interlude, Inc. is a **community-based mental health agency** serving the Greater Danbury area in Fairfield and Litchfield counties. Since 1978, Interlude has provided residential and community services to men and women diagnosed with a mental illness to help them become more independent in their community. For more information, please go to www.interludeinc.org or call 203-797-1210.

The Derx Foundation is a private foundation established in 1996 that provides support for children’s health and education and women’s health, safety and education in Western Connecticut. Founders, Bob and Marguerite Derx were long-time residents of New Fairfield, CT.