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Press Release for immediate release.

Photo Attached: Laura Deal-Decker, MSW

The Help Center was recently recognized as a 2017 Age of Excellence Honoree by Real Services of Northern Indiana for their outstanding service and deep commitment to serving low-income families in Kosciusko County.

The Help Center is dedicated to connecting Kosciusko County residents to health providers and information, increasing appropriate utilization of health and wellness services and providing financial assistance to individuals who are challenged due to a medical condition. Through The Help Center, those needing assistance with medical expenses can apply to Kosciusko County Community Foundation's Good Samaritan Fund. Families traveling to Riley Children's Hospital can access the Kosciusko Riley Kids Fund. Those in treatment for cancer can receive assistance through the K21 Health Foundation's Cancer Care Fund. In 2016, The Help Center served 861 individuals through the funds.

Laura Deal-Decker, MSW meets with anyone applying for assistance or looking for information on resources. "I enjoy sharing options with people to bring hope to a difficult situation", shared Laura.

The Help Center is supported by the K21 Health Foundation and Kosciusko County Community Foundation. The Help Center is a program of Kosciusko Home Care and Hospice. Additional information on The Help Center can be found at [www.KosHelpCenter.org](http://www.KosHelpCenter.org) or by calling 574-372-3500.