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## **K21 Health Foundation Approves PWA Grant**

The K21 Health Foundation Board of Directors recently approved a grant to buy equipment to improve the health and fitness of boys living at Pierceton Woods Academy (PWA) and other youth served at the Pierceton campus. The \$114,500 grant will be used to purchase and install a high-ropes course and climbing wall in the new PWA gym and to prepare an athletic field with soccer goals and a backstop. Rich Haddad, K21's President and CEO, commented, "This funding will provide equipment needed for exercise and challenges that will improve the overall physical and mental health of the growing number of Kosciusko County youth served by PWA."

Lifeline Youth & Family Services, Inc. owns and operates the PWA campus. A new gym is currently under construction at the Pierceton site. The high-ropes course will be suspended from the gym's roof trusses and will challenge the physical and mental abilities of the youth. The climbing wall will also be installed in the new gym. Mark Terrell, Lifeline's CEO, thanked K21, "Their investment in the health of our youth is invaluable. They are providing equipment that would have taken us years to acquire. The benefit to youth will be immediate." The new gym and the specialized equipment should be fully operational later this year. The athletic field should be completed early summer.

Lifeline's corporate offices are located in Fort Wayne and the corporation employs over 225 people in Indiana, over 60 in Kosciusko County.

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Lifeline Youth & Family Services, Inc. provides programs for children and families at risk for abuse, neglect, and delinquency. Lifeline will fulfill its mission of “changing hearts and bringing hope to a generation at risk” by working with over 10,000 individuals throughout the state this year.

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