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Tracey Coggins (left) and D. Ravi Mehan of Well Med Medical Services presents a check to Sam Rutland, president of St. Lucie Habitat Board of Directors, and Bob Calhoun (right), St. Lucie Habitat executive director.

Grant to help low-income seniors make homes safer

BOB CALHOUN

Thanks to a \$10,000 grant from the WellMed Charitable Foundation, St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity has funds to make small repairs and improvements to the homes of seniors just needing a “hand-up.”

Aging in Place allows seniors to improve the living conditions that may affect their overall health while at the same time providing a much needed boost to neighborhoods.

The funds will be used to address items that make homes unsafe, including open spaces allowing mold to develop inside the home causing respiratory issues for older homeowners. Individual grants are expected to average \$1,500 with funding from WellMed Charitable Foundation and other grantors.

Applicants must call for more information at 772-464-1117 and must comply with all fair housing standards and low-wealth application guidelines.

St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization was established in 1996 to fulfill the vision of eliminating poverty housing in St. Lucie County and to empower struggling working families to achieve home ownership. By seeking to put God’s love into action, St. Lucie Habitat for Humanity brings people together to build homes, communities and hope. Families achieve the strength, stability and self-reliance they need to build better lives.

The WellMed Charitable Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization that supports seniors and their caregivers with a special emphasis on wellness, prevention, and living with chronic illness. Established in 2006 by noted physician Dr. George Rapier III, who is also chairman of the board, the foundation operates several programs that impact tens of thousands of seniors annually.

For more information about WellMed Medical Services on the Treasure Coast, call 772-344-7228.