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**LOCAL NON-PROFIT CELEBRATES LAUNCH OF STATE'S FIRST BROADBAND TELEHEALTH NETWORK**  
***Oregon Health Network Supporters Gather December 4<sup>th</sup> to View LIVE Network Operations Center***

Beaverton, OR – The Oregon Health Network (OHN) is celebrating the inauguration of their Network Operations Center (NOC). The event will be December 4, 4 pm – 7 pm at the EasyStreet Online Services office, 9705 SW Sunshine Court, Beaverton Oregon.

OHN's Network Operations Center is operated by Easystreet Online Services® on behalf of the OHN. The NOC actively troubleshoots and monitors the quality of service requirements for Oregon's first broadband telehealth network. Current active network members include Wallowa Memorial Hospital, Blue Mountain Community College and the Oregon Coast Community College System. The event will include live demonstrations of how the network functions across the state to maintain high-speed internet access for Oregon's health care and education facilities.

As the OHN NOC, EasyStreet operates a Network Management System (NMS) in conjunction with a 24x7 call center to assist the IT staff of OHN members and their respective service providers with troubleshooting and incident management. Leaf node devices are deployed at each OHN member site. The leaf nodes are under control of the OHN NOC and provide performance and Quality of Service (QoS) data for measurement and reporting.

Said EasyStreet President & CEO, Rich Bader, "EasyStreet's OHN NOC pulls together the OHN state-wide network of multiple service providers and geographically diverse sites into a single, consistent and independent 3rd party view of the network. An OHN-member hospital in Wallowa in a video consultation with a doctor at the Oregon Health Science University in Portland now has a single place to call if they're having connection problems. The OHN NOC will work with the service providers on

both ends of the connection to get the problem resolved. With a view into the entire network, the OHN NOC will help speed problem resolution. We're proud to help bring quality healthcare to the far reaches of our state.”

OHN is a non-profit organization comprising healthcare, technology and telecommunications experts gathered together to create the first broadband telehealth network in Oregon. A membership-based organization, OHN strives to connect and serve all organizations and partner communities (providers, educators, government and business) who are critical to improving the quality, delivery and access of healthcare education for all Oregonians, regardless of location.

OHN's success and fast-track growth to date is due in large part to their being presented with the fifth largest award from the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Rural Health Care Pilot Program (RHCPP). OHN is leveraging this unprecedented \$20.2 million dollar RHCPP subsidy and Oregon broadband infrastructure investment to connect eligible (non-profit) health care and health care education facilities across the state to one another. In doing so, the Oregon Health Network stands to not only improve the quality, delivery and access to care throughout Oregon, but to influence statewide workforce development and economic development resulting from increased broadband access and adoption.

Through its “network of networks” model, and through the FCC's RHCPP, OHN is helping Oregon subsidize the deployment of quality broadband connectivity to anchor institutions (hospitals, community colleges etc) throughout the State with middle and last-mile connectivity.

To learn more about OHN and the FCC's Rural Health Care Pilot Program, please visit: [www.oregonhealthnet.org](http://www.oregonhealthnet.org)

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