



## Golden Belt Community Foundation's Diversity Statement

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The Golden Belt Community Foundation seeks to enhance the quality of life for all citizens in Barton, Pawnee, Rush and Stafford Counties. Its ability to achieve this mission and to foster a commitment to excellence can best be pursued with a governing body, work force, grantees, donors and partners that include individuals of diverse backgrounds, beliefs and perspectives. The Golden Belt Community Foundation believes that diversity encompasses, but is not limited to, ethnicity, race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, physical and mental abilities and characteristics, and philosophy.

The Golden Belt Community Foundation respects and encourages diversity that contributes to a healthy, caring community. The Community Foundation commits its resources to change in ways that signal to groups with diverse cultures, philosophies and experiences that they are welcome partners in its efforts.

### **Governance and Administration**

The Golden Belt Community Foundation is committed to fostering an organization that respects and appreciates diversity in its many forms as defined above. To that end:

- It will work closely with its executive committee who recommends members to its board of trustees to seek community leaders who will bring diversity and varying points of view and life experiences to the board.
- It will hire staff that reflects the broad diversity of the community and will provide all staff members with an opportunity to maximize the use of their work-related skills and talents.

- It will retain a diverse group of product and service vendors to work with the Community Foundation and will strive to select product and service vendors committed to promoting a diverse workplace.

## **Community Partners**

The Golden Belt Community Foundation values organizations that committed to promoting the diversity of the Golden Belt area. It will seek grantees and partners that incorporate diversity into their missions and strive to encourage diverse governance boards and partner organizations wherever practicable. It will seek to assure that its grantmaking activities reflect and promote the diversity of the community.

## **Donors**

In order to achieve the highest standards in all its activities, it is important that the foundation benefit from the perspectives of many different segments of the community. Toward this end, it seeks to collaborate with donors and varying means and interests and will together with donors seek to promote a healthy, caring community.