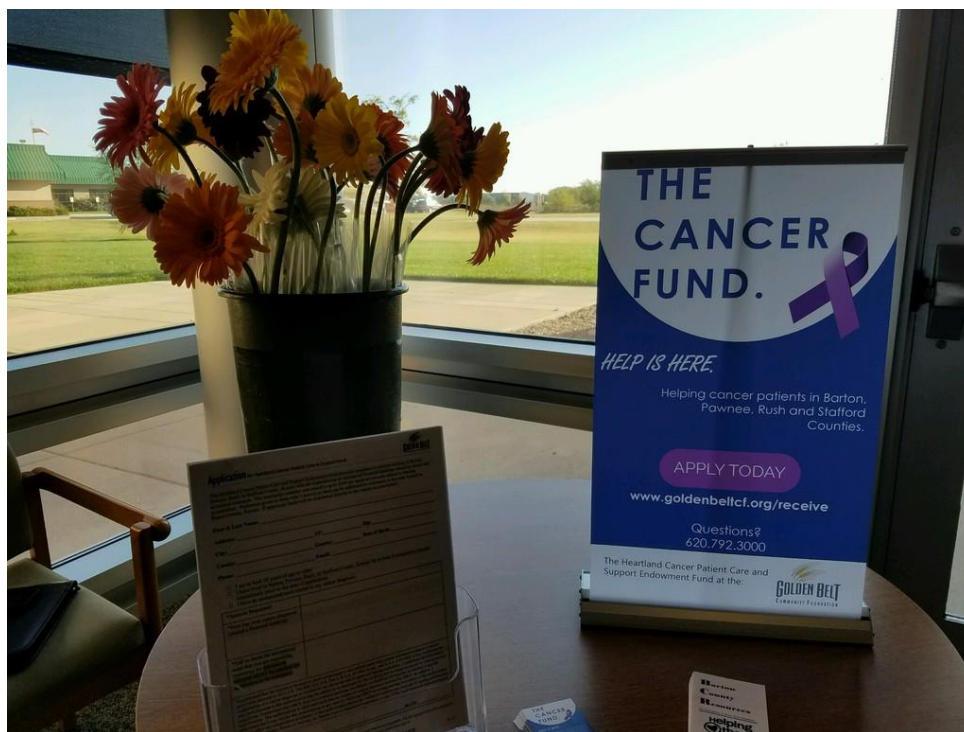


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THE CANCER FUND COMES TO HEARTLAND CANCER CENTER ***Golden Belt Community Foundation Answers the Call During Month of October***

GREAT BEND, Kan. – October marks National Breast and Liver Cancer Awareness Month. In an outreach effort, Golden Belt Community Foundation will be at Heartland Cancer Center, at 204 Cleveland St., Great Bend, on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. during the month of October. The goal is to assist with the application process and connect cancer patients to community resources.

The Heartland Cancer Patient Care and Support Endowment Fund with Golden Belt Community Foundation offers grants for shelter, caregiving, nutrition, medical supplies, and

transportation. Sue Cooper, Golden Belt Community Foundation Program Officer stated, "Having cancer is difficult all on its own. On top of medical care, patients soon find themselves overwhelmed by mounting debt. The fund exists to help ease some of those financial burden."

To date, the cancer fund has helped 34 patients by awarding grants topping \$14,300. "The cancer fund has helped in ways we'll never know," Cooper noted. "From middle aged men no longer able to care for their families, to a woman seeking treatment months after losing her husband to the same devastating disease, to patients having no transportation or money for the public bus, to those waiting for disability or at the end of short-term disability and still needing treatment five days a week, and people needing help with the purchase of feeding tube supplements and adult briefs. The list goes on and on."

The foundation encourages patients to visit with Sue Cooper during Cancer Awareness Month at the Cancer Center. Patients will find the application process easy, as the paperwork is limited to only two pages, with no proof of income required.

For questions, please call Golden Belt Community Foundation at 620-792-3000 or email gbcf@goldenbeltcf.org.

About "The Cancer Fund"

Established with the transfer of assets from the St. Rose Foundation in late 2014, the Heartland Cancer Patient Care and Support Endowment Fund exists to aid, financially, those with a current cancer diagnosis. Grants up to \$500 per calendar year are awarded to assist the financial hardships incurred by having cancer. Funds awarded are disbursed directly to the vendor; e.g., landlord, mechanic, utility company, etc. and are done so at the discretion of the advisory committee. Individuals may apply online at www.goldenbeltcf.org under Grants or call 620-792-3000 for assistance.

Golden Belt Community Foundation

At \$19.70 million in total assets and more than 175 funds under management, Golden Belt Community Foundation has been connecting people who care to causes that matter since 1996. Golden Belt Community Foundation exists to provide non-profit organizations in central Kansas with a permanent source of support and to serve as a vehicle for charitable giving for donors. GBCF serves the counties of Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford. For more information about Golden Belt Community Foundation, call (620) 792-3000 or visit their website at www.goldenbeltcf.org.

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