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ENDOWMENTS MAKE GRANTS POSSIBLE

Golden Belt Community Foundation Awards Nearly \$40,000 in Grants

GREAT BEND, Kan. – Golden Belt Community Foundation recently awarded \$38,894 to area communities and charitable organizations across Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford counties.

Grants were made possible through the Kansas Health Foundation Children's Endowment Fund. Funded by matching donations over the past ten years to the Golden Belt Community Foundation, this endowment was established by the Kansas Health Foundation to support the health and well-being of youth.

"Golden Belt Community Foundation emphasizes the importance of endowment funding because of its sustainable nature," said Christy Tustin, Foundation Executive Director.

"Endowments make funding available for grants year after year and make it possible to address ever-changing needs," Tustin elaborated.

What Is an Endowment?

An endowment is a special fund or account that is established to generate revenue that will be used for a specific purpose, while the principal remains intact. An endowment fund is designed to function in perpetuity, making it possible to provide financial support over the long-term.

As the endowment grows, the amount of funds available to support the community or charitable organization also grow.

2016 Strategic Grant Recipients

Barton County:

- \$10,000 to Kansas Wetlands Education Center for a Nature Playscape utilizing natural features to create fun outdoor learning experiences for kids of all ages.

Pawnee County:

- \$1,750 to Rozel Pride for dugouts at Jordaan Memorial Baseball Field;

- \$5,000 to USD 495 for tennis court backboard used by the high school tennis teams and children's recreation programs;
- \$1,200 to USD 496 for basketball goals used by school children; and
- \$2,050 to Pride of Kansas Football League for helmets to improve safety of children.

Rush County

- \$1,094 to USD 403 for CPR manikins and archery equipment to educate children;
- \$500 to LaCrosse Library for a television and stand to engage youth in library activities;
- \$7,500 to LaCrosse Lions Club for baseball field shade to protect children and families from weather elements;
- \$300 to McCracken Library for DVDs and video games to engage youth and entertain in various ways; and
- \$500 to Otis Library for a television and stand to engage youth in library activities.

Stafford County

- \$2,500 to the City of Hudson for playground expansion offering equipment for youth ages 2-5 and adhere to ADA standards;
- \$2,500 to the City of Macksville for a Frisbee golf course allowing families to come together and interact with children;
- \$2,500 to the City of Stafford for a merry-go-round being added to Stafford City Park; and
- \$1,500 to the Stafford County Extension and Research for an educational bee hive used by St. John 4-H club to educate and foster student observation, inquiry and an appreciation for nature.

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

Golden Belt Community Foundation

At \$19.79 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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