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## **GOLDEN BELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES GIVING TUESDAY RESULTS**

GREAT BEND, Kan. – The numbers are in and for the third straight year, Golden Belt Community Foundation’s Giving Tuesday event proved successful. Celebrated on November 29<sup>th</sup> this year, Giving Tuesday attracted 370 donors and raised a total of \$218,731 that will forever impact organizations throughout Barton, Pawnee, Rush and Stafford counties. This total amount includes \$60,000 in match funds.

Giving Tuesday is promoted as an opportunity to build organizational and community endowments across the four-county area. Christy Tustin, Golden Belt Community Foundation Executive Director, noted the first Giving Tuesday in 2014 raised over \$127,000 in a one-day giving event, and over \$210,000 in 2015. Gifts were accepted throughout the month of November in-person, by mail and online this year. Five giving locations were open and available on Giving Tuesday as well.

### 2016 Top 10 Fund Raisers

With nearly 70 funds from which to choose, the top 10 organizations to raise the most funds for their endowments included: Almost Home, Inc., the Prairie Godmother Funds Endowment, Prince of Peace Parish, Holy Family School, Family Crisis Center, Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation, Barton County Emergency Aid Association, United Way of Central Kansas, Stafford Community Improvement Endowment, and First Christian Church of Great Bend Endowment.

These top 10 organizations, plus other endowment funds getting gifts, all received a share of \$50,000 in match funds that were awarded proportionately. The four county endowment funds competed for a share of \$10,000 in matching funds with the Rush County Endowment receiving the most gifts.

### Votes Are Tallied

In the spirit of #GivingTuesday and to celebrate their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Foundation awarded \$20,000 in grants across the four-county service area. Donors and program supporters were invited to vote for their favorite program or project to receive a \$5,000 grant – with the project receiving the most votes winning the grant.

“We selected programs or projects, some of which are larger, ongoing projects, that we knew needed funding, or projects that would enhance the community,” stated Tustin.

### \$5,000 Grant Recipients

Barton County: Ellinwood Splash Pad

Pawnee County: Pawnee County 4-H Special Interest Clubs

Rush County: City of McCracken Merry-Go-Round

Stafford County: City of Stafford Toddler Playground

For questions or more information, please call Golden Belt Community Foundation at 620-792-3000 or email [gbcf@goldenbeltcf.org](mailto:gbcf@goldenbeltcf.org).

### **About #GivingTuesday**

Now in its fifth year, #GivingTuesday is a global giving movement that inspires and celebrates giving of all kinds, on #GivingTuesday and year-round. Created in 2012 by [92nd Street Y](#), #GivingTuesday ignites collaboration between groups of people to make a difference - connecting individuals, local nonprofits, international philanthropic organizations, businesses, government, educational institutions, faith groups and community organizations through their shared experience of giving. This year, #GivingTuesday will be celebrated on November 29th.

To learn more about #GivingTuesday or to join the day of giving, please visit:  
[www.givingtuesday.org](http://www.givingtuesday.org)

**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](http://www.goldenbeltcf.org).

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