



Gift Legacy News



SCHOLARSHIPS

Over 51 awards and approximately \$60,000 in scholarships to 42 commendable students in Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford County were awarded this year through the Golden Belt Community Foundation.

The foundation administers more than 25 different scholarship funds for graduating high school seniors and current college students. It takes about 30 volunteers to carefully review each application against each scholarship's criteria.

Establishing a Scholarship Fund with Golden Belt Community Foundation

Donors have established funds that provide annual scholarships, each with unique eligibility requirements. Scholarships range widely in award amounts and are generally categorized by financial need, academic success, field of study, and college or university.

Endowed scholarships may be established with a donation of \$10,000. A simple fund agreement is signed by the donor and foundation that outlines the specific criteria.

"We are continually impressed with the heart in which donors approach creating a legacy," noted Sue Cooper, Program Officer, "scholarships can award personal and academic achievements, memorialize a loved one, carry on a family tradition, or rally for your favorite team. We promise to work with you in creating a permanent, yet flexible fund to reach into perpetuity."

For more information about Golden Belt Community Foundation, call (620) 792-3000 or visit our website at www.goldenbeltcf.org.

Black Friday. Cyber Monday.

#GIVING TUESDAY

Golden Belt Community Foundation recently participated in the first #GivingTuesday Community Leaders Summit in Baltimore, MD. This was a great opportunity to meet with leaders from across the nation to explore ways to leverage #GivingTuesday for the greatest impact.

On **Tuesday, November 28, 2017**, charities, businesses, community centers, and students around the world will come together for one common purpose: to celebrate and encourage giving.

For the fourth straight year, Golden Belt Community Foundation will be participating in the event to build local non-profit and community endowments.



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HOW TO GET STARTED

While each family's situation is different, there are some planning strategies that can help you provide for your heirs and leave your legacy.

It's easy to get started. To assist you with making or updating your future plans, we can provide you with our FREE Planning Your Legacy wills guide. Many of our supporters have found this guide useful in helping them think through their goals.

To obtain a copy, please contact us or visit our website.



YOUR LOVED ONES NEED YOU, BUT WHAT WOULD THEY DO IF YOU WERE NOT THERE?

With just a little planning you can have peace of mind knowing you have taken care of your family and secured their future.

ARE YOUR PLANS UP-TO-DATE?

One of the most effective ways to care for your family is with a current estate plan. Are your plans up-to-date? Here are some questions to consider.

WHO is dependent on you for financial support? Are you married? How many children and grandchildren do you have? Do you have any heirs with special needs?

WHAT significant life changes have occurred with your family (marriages, divorces, births, deaths, etc.) since you last updated your will or trust?

HOW much is "enough," and what is an appropriate inheritance for each heir?

WHO will receive your assets? The people you intend or will your assets be unintentionally distributed to someone else?

A CURRENT ESTATE PLAN IS VITAL TO MAKING SURE YOUR WISHES ARE CARRIED OUT AND CAN HELP YOU LEAVE A LASTING PERSONAL LEGACY.

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