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## **GOLDEN BELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES WINTER GRANT RECIPIENTS**

GREAT BEND, Kan. – Golden Belt Community Foundation is pleased to announce over \$29,000 was awarded during our winter 2017 grant cycle. Golden Belt Community Foundation's competitive grants bring in applications from several area nonprofits with a variety of needs. Awards are based on projects most closely aligned with specific grant criteria and available funding. Competitive grant awards include:

### **\$6,000 – Circles of Central Kansas**

Barton County Quality of Life Endowment and Mark and Melanie Calcara Donor Advised Fund

### **\$1,000 – Circles of Stafford County**

Golden Belt Community Improvement Endowment Fund



Circles is a program designed to get people out of poverty. The program connects people living in deficiency, to relationships outside their income faction. Circles focuses on creating the framework for self-sufficiency through education and promoting a mindset of change.

### **\$1,000 – USD 428 Great Bend**

#### **Community Service Day**

Larry and Kathy Schugart Donor Advised Fund  
Barton County Endowment Fund  
Great Bend Beautification Endowment Fund

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 Great Bend High School will have their 6<sup>th</sup> annual Community Service Day. Close to nine-hundred students and teachers will be out of class and in the helping with everything from city grounds improvements, painting, church and school ground renovations, assisting the elderly, reading to children, and much more. This grant will assist with tools and supplies for landscape clean-up.



\$2,000 – Barton Community College Foundation  
Student Food Pantry  
Kansas Health Foundation Health Endowment Fund

Barton Community College's student food pantry aims to decrease instances of food insecurity for students, increase access to healthy food options, and provide tips on how to cook healthy meals on a shoe string budget. They currently have the technology in place that tracks their pantry inventory and collects suggestions. Grant funding will be used to purchase food storage equipment.



\$5,000 – United Way of Central Kansas  
Dolly Parton's Imagination Library  
Kansas Health Foundation Children's Health Endowment Fund

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book giving program that mails free books to area children. Kids, up to five years old, receive a variety of books to develop early literacy skills.



\$3,000 – City of Otis  
Matching Funds for Teen Center  
Kansas Health Foundation Children's Health Endowment Fund

The Otis Bison Teen Center has been a place where kids can come and hang out with friends and other peers in a safe environment. The teen building has been an instrumental place for teen fellowship and recreation for decades now. This grant provides matching funds for safety repairs to the building.



\$2,963 – St. John's Child Development Center  
Play Set  
Kansas Health Foundation Children's Health Endowment Fund

This grant is to assist with a playset for the second location child care facility in Ellinwood. The play area only had balls and jump ropes; the addition of a play set will enhance outdoor time and encourage kids to stay in motion.





### \$3,800 – USD 351 Macksville

#### After School Program Tutors

Kansas Health Foundation Children's Health Endowment Fund

Macksville's after school program provides additional educational support for students. This grant was to assist volunteers and tutors with the costs of targeted professional development training, curriculum, and technology training.



### \$400 – Holy Family School

#### Curriculum

Kansas Health Foundation Children's Health Endowment Fund

A grant for alphabetic phonics curriculum will assist with basic language training, specifically taught to children that have shown signs of early reading difficulty. Alphabet Phonics is a complete literacy learning system that helps struggling students perform at grade level.



### \$424 – USD 496 Pawnee Heights

#### Physical Education Activity

Kansas Health Foundation Children's Health Endowment Fund

This grant will be used to purchase a physical education activity called Tchoukball, pronounced 'chuke-ball'. The game is played on a court with an end frame at each end. The players are divided into two teams that can score at either end. Players may take three steps with the ball, only hold the ball for three second, and the team cannot pass the ball more than three times before scoring.



### \$2,000 – Healing Hearts Ranch

#### Evidence Based Training

Kansas Health Foundation Children's Health Endowment Fund

Healing Hearts Ranch will use this grant to assist with their new mentorship program that provides volunteers with evidence based training and software that tracks program outcomes.



**\$3,800 – 20<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Juvenile Services**

**Human Trafficking Movie**

Kansas Health Foundation Children's Health Endowment Fund

This grant provides a 12-month rental for the movie *8 Days*, inspired by real events of human trafficking, to Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford County agencies, schools, and youth groups that want to share the educational awareness of sexual exploitation.



**\$300 – Barton County Historical Society**

**L.E.D. lights display cases**

Arts and Culture Endowment Fund

This grant assists with L.E.D. (light-emitting diode) bulbs for the twelve permanent display cases of Indian artifacts, provided by the Apache Chapter of Kansas Anthropological Association. The lights are needed for preservation of the display items and will provide enhanced viewing for informational and educational purposes for museum visitors.



For questions regarding the competitive grant process, donor advised funds and other opportunities, please call Golden Belt Community Foundation at 620-792-3000 or email [gbcf@goldenbeltcf.org](mailto:gbcf@goldenbeltcf.org).

**Golden Belt Community Foundation**

At \$21.7 million in total assets and more than 170 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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