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(Organization representatives from Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford counties gather for a photo at the Great Charity Give Back for Giving Tuesday.)

GIVING TUESDAY – ANYONE, ANYWHERE

Campaign raises over \$214,000 for area non-profits

Golden Belt Community Foundation just completed its sixth Giving Tuesday campaign, wrapping up and announcing the results during a Great Bend Chamber of Commerce Coffee Thursday morning.

Giving Tuesday started as a day *for anyone, anywhere* to give, and it's grown into the biggest giving movement in the world. Giving Tuesday harnesses the generosity of millions of people around the world to support the causes they believe in and the communities in which they live. Celebrated on the Tuesday following U.S. Thanksgiving, Giving Tuesday inspires millions of people across the globe to show up and give back to causes and issues that matter to them.

This year over 450 gifts were made to support 90 local charitable organizations and endowment funds raising a total of \$214,470.42.

“This year marked GBCF’s 6th year to be a Giving Tuesday partner,” stated Christy Tustin, Executive Director, “and again this year we invited all charitable organizations in Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford counties to participate.”

Tustin further explained that there were 14 new organizations participating, and that each organization chose whether to get any gifts received as a grant back to their organization – or to use the gifts to build their endowment fund at GBCF. About half of the organizations will be

receiving the gifts as grants to be put to immediate use supporting a wide variety of missions and causes.

“Today GBCF will be awarding over \$112,000 in grants,” Tustin explained.

In addition, \$14,000 in matching funds and \$2,900 in giving incentives and drawings were awarded.

The 2019 Top Ten Giving Tuesday organizations and funds raised are:

1) Forever Rush County Endowment	\$28,787.66
2) Barton County Emergency Aid Association	\$16,425.00
3) Almost Home, Inc.	\$14,739.48
4) Forever Rozel & Burdett Endowment	\$11,621.83
5) Prairie Godmother Funds	\$10,804.88
6) Holy Family School	\$10,804.10
7) United Way of Central Kansas	\$7,103.17
8) Sunflower Diversified Services Foundation	\$6,641.97
9) Golden Belt Humane Society	\$6,519.75
10) Family Crisis Center	\$5,543.82

“GBCF’s Giving Tuesday campaign is only possible because of everyone who supported a cause they care about,” said Tustin, “thank you for your support, participation, and spreading the word about Giving Tuesday.”

The “All In” award and a \$100 grant was given to Locust Grove Village in La Crosse, which had 100% of its board of directors donate on Giving Tuesday.

A new award this year was the Most Generous City award, which was calculated with gift totals by zip code per capita. Olmitz received the 2019 Most Generous City award and the foundation will make a grant of \$2,500 to an organization or project in that community.

In 2020 Giving Tuesday will be celebrated on December 1st.

For questions about Golden Belt Community Foundation or Giving Tuesday, please contact the foundation at gbcf@goldenbeltcf.org or (620) 792-3000.

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