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(Representatives of the Golden Belt Community Foundation and City of St. John gather on Giving Tuesday for a check presentation for the Brown Memorial Park grant.)

GOLDEN BELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT IMPROVES BROWN MEMORIAL PARK

Great Bend, KS - Golden Belt Community Foundation recently announced the award of a \$36,040 grant to the City of St. John to replace playground equipment at Brown Memorial Park.

The grant is part of the foundation's grant strategy to make significant improvements that create an impact in a community for the benefit of area children and families. The foundation serves Barton, Pawnee, Rush and Stafford counties.

Several years ago, the GBCF Board of Directors voted to allocate a portion of the available funds from the Kansas Health Foundation Children's Health Endowment toward projects that create or enhance outdoor play or recreational space for the health and well-being of youth. These projects must be on public property accessible to all residents.

"We are pleased to be able to make this important grant that will allow the City of St. John to invest in Brown Memorial Park," said Christy Tustin, executive director of the foundation, "By adding new equipment more children and families will be encouraged to spend time outdoors."

Plans call for the existing wooden play set to be removed and replaced with a main play structure and tower with Jacob's Ladder and slide as well as two additional pieces, a Spica (a piece of rotating play equipment) and a Spinner Bowl (equipment that children sit inside for a spin). Several existing pieces of play equipment will remain on the playground.

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At \$23 million in total assets and more than 180 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.