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

GREAT BEND, Kan. – Golden Belt Community Foundation is pleased to announce that \$14,154 was recently awarded for grants that benefit communities in the Golden Belt area.

Golden Belt Community Foundation's competitive grants receive applications from several area nonprofits with a variety of programs and projects. Awards are based on projects most closely aligned with specific grant criteria and available funding. The health-related funds support a variety of projects pertaining to public health, nutrition, and physical activity. This may include preventing disease, prolonging life, and promoting human health through organized efforts.

The 5 community projects awarded funding were:

\$4,140 Great Bend USD 428

Kansas Health Foundation Fund and Health & Human Services Endowment Fund

USD 428 school nurses screen over 1500 students for hearing concerns as well as over 120 children screened at Helping Hands Preschool. USD 428 requested funding to purchase an OtoAcoustic Emissions (OAE) screening package. The OAE hearing screener will allow for more precise and objective screening of all students. Noise level will no longer be a factor and it does not require any type of response from the student. This will enable the school nurses to provide more accurate results, especially those hard to test or non-verbal students. Testing time is approximately 10 seconds per ear. Results can be printed in a simple pass or fail that parents are able to take for further evaluation by medical professionals.

\$3,500 PLAY – Parents Leading Active Youth, Inc. in partnership with the Stafford Recreation Commission

Kansas Health Foundation Fund and Nutrition & Physical Activity Endowment Fund

The Stafford Recreation Commission (SRC) recently updated, repaired and remodeled a building in Stafford that was deteriorating due to abandonment. This center has begun to be and will continue to grow into a community destination point for recreation and fitness, public events and educational projects for all ages. SRC requested funding to help furnish the newly renovated fitness center with weights and exercise equipment. The newly renovated center will help meet the needs of the community by providing opportunities for health benefits through weights, equipment and programs.

\$2,834 Fort Larned USD 495

Kansas Health Foundation Fund

Larned High School, Larned STUCO and the Counseling, Career, Community Committee (CCC Committee) requested funding to help facilitate the Read, Right, Run Larned project. This project addresses the issue of inactivity by creating a before school walking program for senior citizens and participating elementary aged students. Once all objectives are met, USD 495 and the Welcome Inn Senior Citizen center participants will have walked 1,000 laps around the gym, read 1,000 books, and performed 1,000 acts of kindness. The funding will help support public health related goals such as supporting healthy meals for the senior citizens in the program.

\$100 USD 496 Pawnee Heights High School

Nutrition & Physical Activity Endowment Fund

Pawnee Heights High School requested funding to purchase additional equipment for their weight room. They are adding 6 pair of barbell collars to the weight room. The collars will help some of the students and community members that cannot add or remove the old spring collars that they currently have in the weight room due to the lack of hand strength. These collars will allow any lifter to easily remove them which in turn makes their workouts safer.

\$3,580 Rosewood Roots & Wings Foundation

Kansas Health Foundation Fund

Rosewood Roots & Wings Foundation recently started a charitable electronic waste recycling collection program (e-cycling). They safely and responsibly recycle electronics such as computers, laptops, tablets, cell phones, monitors, TVs, video game consoles, printers and all other types of electronic waste. Electronic recycling benefits the community, the environment, and helps to create local jobs for people with developmental disabilities. They have requested funding to purchase a secure exterior drop container to accept donations after hours. This container will be placed outside of the building allowing Rosewood the ability to accept electronic waste after hours.

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.