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GOLDEN BELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES SPRING COMMUNITY BUILDING GRANT RECIPIENTS

GREAT BEND, Kan. – Golden Belt Community Foundation is pleased to announce that \$20,480 was recently awarded for grants that benefit communities in the Golden Belt area.

The Golden Belt Spring Community Building Grant supports a wide-variety of needs in Barton, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford County that serve the community at large including but not limited to: quality of life improvements; arts and culture; enhancing community destination points; charitable economic opportunity; planning and development. Favorable projects leverage matching funds for greater community impact.

The 12 community projects awarded funding were:

\$2,500 Great Bend Zoological Society
Amos Bayer Fund

The Educational Building located in the Great Bend Brit Spaugh Zoo is currently being refurbished so that it can be used as a community-gathering place. The public will be able to rent the building for parties, gatherings, and celebrations. The building also will be utilized by the zoo staff for educational programs for local school groups, daycares, and other educational organizations.

\$600 Barton County Fair Association
John A & Doris F Graham Memorial Fund

The Barton County Fair Association is purchasing a computer and software for the sole use of maintaining the financials for the organization. The current equipment is outdated and no longer able to have support services available. The software purchased and used will be QuickBooks Small Business and Microsoft Office 360.

\$680 Park Elementary School
KHF Children's Health Endowment Fund

Park Elementary School will be planting a garden utilizing a lot behind the school that measures 40'x49'. The garden will be fenced in and will enclose classroom seating, a stream, pond, eight raised garden beds, a pollinator garden, beehive, rainwater collection, compost, and recycled art installation. Students will help in planting, tending to, and harvesting their produce. Then, they will decide what to donate, sell, or use to cook with for after school programs.

\$3,851 Family Crisis Center

KHF Children's Health Endowment Fund

The Family Crisis Center has a new safe shelter. This shelter will provide multiple families and/or individuals a safe place where they can escape abusive situations and unsafe home life environments. Installation of a security system for the new shelter will be implanted as well as new bedding, bed frames and mattresses that will help the new shelter pass inspection.

\$2,000 City of Hudson

KHF Children's Health Endowment Fund

The Hudson Fire Station is purchasing a new water pump system that works to fill their fire trucks in a much faster capacity. The 225 gallon per minute, 7-1/2 hp water pump would refill their fire trucks 4.15 times faster than our current pump. The larger pump will refill the water tank on the fire truck in approximately 13 minutes, compared to the 54 minutes it now takes to refill.

\$849 Welcome Inn Leisure Center

Nutrition and Physical Activity Initiative Fund & Pawnee County Endowment

The Welcome Inn Leisure Center is purchasing a new food warmer to replace one that is not working properly. The food warmer keeps foods at the required temperature of the federal food guidelines and allows rolls and breads to rise properly. The Welcome Inn serves over 1,500 meals per month to senior citizens which includes Meals on Wheels service in Larned and Kinsley.

\$1,000 Gray Photo Studio, Inc.

Amos Bayer Fund

Gray Studios vision is to provide cultural programming in a restored 1890s building with a vibrant art-based history and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. While the public can come into the building even as its renovation is incomplete, they will be putting an ADA compliant bathroom to be used during the public programming.

\$1,000 JoyfulHouse Inc.

Andrew & Elsie Wondra Memorial Fund

JoyfulHouse Inc. provides a batterers intervention program in Great Bend. JoyfulHouse Inc offers group sessions for both men and women using the Kansas Attorney General approved Family Peace Initiative curriculum. This grant will provide the necessary program workbooks to facilitate these group sessions.

\$2,500 City of Hoisington

KHF Children's Health Endowment Fund

The City of Hoisington is working with partners to establish a bike share program that would feature bike stations located in retail/recreation clusters. The stations would likely include four single-speed cruiser-style bikes and one exotic bike (a side-by-side or tandem bike). These bikes will be stripped down, painted red and branded as the Cardinal Cruisers with the help of the Hoisington Power Plant staff.

\$2,500 City of Larned

KHF Children's Health Endowment Fund

Larned's pool was built in the 1950's making it over 60 years old. Adding a Wibit obstacle will be a new attraction to bring families to the pool and bring the pool up to date. The Larned pool is a community staple for summer.

\$2,000 Hays Area Children's Center
KHF Children's Health Endowment Fund

Rush County community screenings are held at the LaCrosse Elementary School and are for children from birth to age 5. Children are screened using a tympanogram for their hearing. New tympanometry equipment will help diagnose disorders that can lead to hearing loss and can help to determine if your child might have fluid in the middle ear, ear infections, and other problems within the ear.

\$1,000 Kans for Kids Fighting Cancer Foundation
KHF Children's Health Endowment Fund

Kans for Kids will purchase additional barrels that they loan to events around the community that are decaled with their logo. They encourage people to recycle their cans for Kans for Kids. They help in keeping areas clean and free of trash during events. With 26 years of successful recycling of cans, this project will continue to grow, expand, and thrive for years to come.

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.