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**SPARK MICRO-GRANTS AWARDED
FOR BARTON COUNTY NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

GREAT BEND, Kan.

As project administrator on behalf of Barton County, Golden Belt Community Foundation (GBCF) is pleased to announce that the SPARK (Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas) Micro-Grants have been awarded. These grants were funded by Barton County's allocation of federal funds through the CARES Act.

Funds in the amount of \$125,116.24 have been granted to support Barton County 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations with COVID-19 related expenditures. The program allowed applicants to apply for relief for expenses occurring from March 1, 2020 to application date. Non-profit organizations that had been in operation as of July 1, 2019 and were still in operation at the time of application, demonstrated negative impacts from COVID-19, and had less than 50 employees were asked to apply to help relieve some of the financial burdens caused by COVID-19.

A committee recommended awards and the GBCF board approved funds to the following SPARK Micro-Grant applicants: JoyfulHouse Inc., ElderCare Inc., GPS Kids Club of Hoisington, Catholic Charities of Southwest KS, Great Bend Children's Learning Center, St. John's Child Development Center of Ellinwood, Central Kansas Dream Center, Great Bend Community Theatre, United Way of Central Kansas, Family Crisis Center, and Sunflower Diversified Services, Inc.

For questions, please call Golden Belt Community Foundation at 620-792-3000 or email gbcf@goldenbeltcf.org.

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