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**GOLDEN BELT COMMUNITY FOUNDATION RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION
LOCAL ORGANIZATION ACCREDITED WITH RIGOROUS PHILANTHROPIC STANDARDS**

GREAT BEND, Kan. – Golden Belt Community Foundation recently received re-accreditation with the nation’s highest standard for philanthropic excellence. National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® establish legal, ethical, effective practices for community foundations everywhere.



“Meeting the National Standards benchmarks is a rigorous, comprehensive process,” said Randy Royster, board member of the Council on Foundations. “This accreditation is a significant accomplishment that indicates Golden Belt Community Foundation demonstrates a commitment to transparency, quality, integrity and accountability as it carries out its mission.”

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The National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations® program requires community foundations to document their policies for donor services, investments, grantmaking and administration. With over 500 community foundations already accredited nationwide, the program is designed to provide quality assurance to donors, as well as to their legal and financial advisors.

“This is important to our donors,” said Christy Tustin, Executive Director. “When people make a charitable bequest or establish a fund, they are putting their trust in us. They are counting on us to manage the investment wisely and honor their charitable wishes.”

Golden Belt Community Foundation offers a range of charitable funds, allowing donors to advance a cause, support an individual organization or provide flexible support for community needs. In addition to affirming the organization’s philanthropic services, the accreditation validates Golden Belt Community Foundation’s grantmaking practices for the nonprofit community.

National Standards for U.S. Community Foundations is the first program of its kind for charitable foundations in the United States. The Community Foundations National Standards Board is a supporting organization of the Council on Foundations and is responsible for the quality, value, and integrity of compliance with National Standards. For more information on the National Standards Board, visit its website at www.cfstandards.org.

Golden Belt Community Foundation

At over \$27.9 million in total assets and more than 185 funds under management, the 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.

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