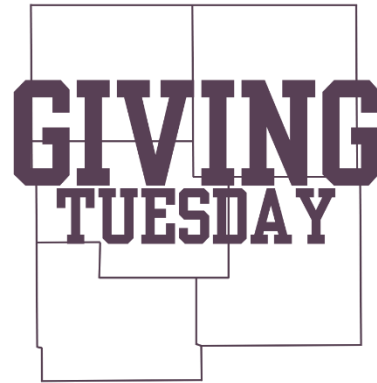


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## **GIVING TUESDAY – Team Golden Belt**

### **Campaign raises over \$900,000 for area non-profits**

Golden Belt Community Foundation just completed its 12th Giving Tuesday campaign, wrapping up and announcing the results during a Great Bend Chamber of Commerce Coffee Thursday morning.

Giving Tuesday started as a day for anyone, anywhere to give, and it has grown into the biggest giving movement in the world. Giving Tuesday harnesses the generosity of millions of people around the world to support the causes they believe in and the communities in which they live. Celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Giving Tuesday inspires millions of people across the globe to show up and give back to causes and issues that matter to them.

This year many gifts were made to support 127 local charitable organizations and endowment funds raising a total of \$973,952.78.

“This year marked GBCF’s 12<sup>th</sup> year to be a Giving Tuesday partner,” stated Mackenzie Mitchell, Development and Communications Coordinator, “and again this year we invited all charitable organizations in Barton, Edwards, Pawnee, Rush, and Stafford counties to participate.”

Mitchell further explained that there were a handful of new organizations participating, and that each organization chose whether to get any gifts received as a grant back to their organization or to use the gifts to build their endowment fund at GBCF. Many organizations will be receiving the gifts as grants to be put to immediate use supporting a wide variety of missions and causes.

“Today GBCF will be awarding over \$900,000 in grants,” Mitchell explained.

The 2025 Top Ten All-Stars for Giving Tuesday are:

- 1- Great Bend Recreation Commission Foundation \$307,263.31
- 2- Barton County Community College Foundation \$117,525.16
- 3- Prince of Peace Catholic Church \$36,714.41
- 4- Live Like Jesus Today \$31,709.14
- 5- Stafford County Economic Development \$30,008.76

- 6- Prairie Godmother Fund \$24,413.67
- 7- Community Food Bank of Barton County \$24,031.31
- 8- Family Crisis Center \$21,361.35
- 9- Holy Family School \$20,230.40
- 10- Golden Belt Humane Society \$18,583.55

“Thank you for your support, participation, and spreading the word about Giving Tuesday”, said Jason Murray, Executive Director. “Giving Tuesday couldn’t happen without you”.

The Most Generous City Award, which was calculated with gift totals by zip code per capita. Pawnee Rock received the 2025 MGC award, and the foundation will make a grant of \$1,000 to a program or project in that community.

In 2026 Giving Tuesday will be celebrated on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

For questions about Golden Belt Community Foundation or Giving Tuesday, please contact the foundation at [gbcf@goldenbeltcf.org](mailto:gbcf@goldenbeltcf.org) or (620) 792-3000.