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Thomas County Community Foundation establishes fund to benefit Brewster Schools
Contributions given by Mr. & Mrs. Chad and Rosemary Briney of CB Heating A/C & Plumbing and Mr. & Mrs. Lyman and Joanne Goetsch

COLBY, Kans. (March 2, 2010) –The Thomas County Community Foundation is proud to announce the recent establishment of the ***Brewster Schools Endowed (Acorn) Fund*** that is made possible with an initial donation from Chad and Rosemary Briney of CB Heating A/C & Plumbing and additional funds from Lyman and JoAnne Goetsch. The acorn fund will be used to benefit the school's greatest needs at the discretion of TCCF and school administration.

Melinda Olson, executive director for the foundation, says the term “acorn” means that this fund is still in its infancy and has not yet reached the minimum amount required in order to make contributions. She says that the *Brewster Schools Endowed (Acorn) Fund* will not have the capacity to meet funding needs within the Brewster School system until it reaches \$2,500.

“The Thomas County Community Foundation is thrilled to start a fund for Brewster Public Schools,” said Olson, “but we now have to reach out to the community to help bring this fund to fruition. During this economic turmoil, we have to rely on ourselves to provide educational and extra-curricular opportunities for our children. By making a donation to benefit this fund, donors can be sure that they are making a difference in the school today and for years to come.”

Need for additional funding for schools across the state of Kansas began with an increase of educational requirements followed by huge cuts in their budgets. In order to ensure continual and consistent funding, Kansas schools and those across the nation are looking towards community foundation endowments for ways to provide students with the best possible educational experience. With endowments, the donations received are permanently invested and the earnings are used to fund projects, programs, subjects or to provide basic necessities for the school. The fund's principal always remains intact and is never invaded.

Olson says that community members who contribute to the *Brewster Schools Endowed (Acorn) Fund* through the TCCF have an additional advantage of making sure their donation goes to benefit the area dearest to them. “At the TCCF, donors can establish a subcategory and can contribute to subcategories that are already established. For example, a donor could create a subcategory that will benefit only sports, or technology, fine arts, faculty enhancement and continuing education or an agriculture club. The possibilities are endless and this flexibility allows people to give their tax-deductible contributions to the specific area or program that means the most to them.”

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Brewster School fund continued

The Thomas County Community Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that endows funds for the betterment of Thomas County. Community members and Brewster school alums are encouraged to make a tax-deductible contribution to the *Brewster Schools Endowed (Acorn) Fund* by including the fund name in the memo line of their donation. Please make checks payable to the TCCF and specify an area of interest, if any. For more information on this fund or TCCF in general, please visit www.ThomasCountyCommunityFoundation.com, call (785) 460-9152 or stop by the office at 350 South Range, Suite 14, inside the Thomas County Office Complex in Colby.

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The Thomas County Community Foundation (TCCF) is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to endow permanent funds to improve the quality of life for all citizens of Thomas County. TCCF has several funds established and has granted more than \$281,000.00 since beginning its inception in February 2001. The Thomas County Community Foundation encourages all businesses or individuals interested making tax-deductible contributions to contact TCCF at 785-460-9152 or tccf@st-tel.net.

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