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## Thomas County Community Foundation receives \$20,000 for grant program

COLBY, Kan. (June, 22-30, 2010) – The Thomas County Community Foundation has received a \$20,000 grant from the Pete Henry Foundation. The grant will be endowed and the earnings from which will be used to fund health initiative projects that will encompass a large spectrum of community health concerns in Thomas County.

The mission of the Thomas County Community Foundation is to endow funds to improve the quality of life for all citizens in Thomas County, said Melinda Olson, executive director. One important aspect of this mission is to also ensure that the health needs of our residents are met, whether those needs are in regards to physical health, mental or social well-being.

The *Pierre C. Henry Foundation General Public Health Fund* will provide qualifying non-profit organizations in Thomas County with money to initiate a wide variety of health-related programs each year.

Olson said that in conjunction with this grant, TCCF is also participating in a competitive funding initiative with the Kansas Health Foundation where the \$20,000 grant from the Pete Henry Foundation will be eligible for a 50% match to TCCF.

Eligibility requirements and applications to apply for funding can be found online at [www.ThomasCountyCommunityFoundation.com](http://www.ThomasCountyCommunityFoundation.com). The current grant deadline is June 30, 2010. If organizations are unable to meet this deadline, they are encouraged to apply for the third quarter grant cycle which ends on September 30, 2010. Please contact the TCCF office at 785-460-9152 or [tccf@st-tel.net](mailto:tccf@st-tel.net) with questions.

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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](mailto:tccf@st-tel.net).

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