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TCCF announces 2010-2011 scholarship recipients

COLBY, Kan. (June 8, 2010) – The Thomas County Community Foundation announced today the recipients of two scholarship awards for the 2010-2011 scholastic year. Jaylea Black, daughter of Jay and Cindy Black of Colby, was selected to receive the Chuck Dempewolf Community Service Scholarship; and Adam Weber, son of Omar and Shirley Weber of Colby, was chosen for the Terry Strutt Memorial Scholarship. This is the first distribution year for both of these scholarships.

“We are pleasantly surprised to receive 17 scholarship applications this year, which is more than we have ever gotten before,” said Olson. “The Scholarship Committee had a tough deliberation and we are proud to present Jaylea and Adam as our chosen recipients!”

Black was selected for the \$500 Chuck Dempewolf Community Service Scholarship primarily on the basis of community service merit. Black has an extensive service record in Colby as the coordinator of Prairieland Food, volunteer for the Genesis Food Bank, Baskets for the Elderly, United Methodist Church and Santa’s Workshop, just to name a few. Black plans to attend Colby Community College and transfer to Oklahoma State University to study pre-med or biology.

“Having exemplary community service attributes is one of the major qualifications to be considered for this scholarship and Jaylea Black fits that requirement perfectly,” said Melinda Olson, Executive Director of the Thomas County Community Foundation. Eligible candidates for the Chuck Dempewolf Community Service Scholarship must also have at least a 2.5 GPA.

Selected for the Terry Strutt Memorial Scholarship is Adam Weber, son of Omar and Shirley Weber of Colby. Weber was chosen for this \$2,000 scholarship based on his involvement in school-sponsored extracurricular activities as well as his GPA. He has participated in Colby High School football, wrestling and track, just to name a few activities. Weber placed 5th on the state wrestling championship team was twice named all-league in football.

“We are so thankful for Patrick and Sally Toth, owners of Kansas Quick Lube, and the Darwin and Tammi Strutt family for establishing these financial opportunities for our young adults. These scholarships wouldn’t be available if it weren’t for our generous donors,” said Olson.

Including the two abovementioned awards, the Thomas County Community Foundation has given 21 scholarships to area students worth \$26,856 since its inception in 2001.

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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.