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Thomas County Community Foundation offers two new scholarship opportunities

COLBY, Kan. (June 8, 2010) – The Thomas County Community Foundation is pleased to announce the establishment of two new scholarship funds available for Thomas County students and those attending Colby Community College.

The Chuck Dempewolf Community Service Scholarship was created by Kansas Quick Lube to honor the memory of a local resident who was committed to the people and organizations in Colby. Chuck Dempewolf served his church and volunteered his time with the American Cancer Society, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Special Olympics, the school's booster club and other community improvement initiatives. He grew up in Colby, attended Colby High School and Colby Community College and worked for a local company until his death in 2005.

TCCF is honored to host the Chuck Dempewolf Community Service Scholarship which is a testament to how a local individual can make a lasting contribution to their hometown. Jaylea Black, daughter of Jay and Cindy Black of Colby, is the first recipient of this \$500 scholarship.

Also new to TCCF is the Terry Strutt Memorial Scholarship which is a \$2,000, two-year renewable opportunity. It was established by the Darvin and Tammi Strutt family to assist graduating seniors of Logan and Thomas County attend Colby Community College.

“Tammi and I feel that in today’s world, education will be the one thing that sets us apart from one another. We want to give young adults from our area a chance to get a head-start on a quality education. But education doesn’t only happen in the classroom-- that is why this scholarship recipient must be involved in extra-curricular activities. We want students to enjoy the benefit from the whole college experience which will ultimately enhance the student further,” said Darvin Strutt.

The first student to receive the Terry Strutt Memorial Scholarship for the 2010-2011 academic year is Adam Weber, son of Omar and Shirley Weber of Colby.

“TCCF is thankful for the opportunity to award these two new scholarships to area students needing assistance as they enroll in college,” said the executive director of the Thomas County Community Foundation, Melinda Olson. “And we are especially thankful for the Strutt family and Kansas Quick Lube for acknowledging this community need to support well-deserving students.”

For further information on the scholarship opportunities available at TCCF for the 2011-2010 academic year, visit www.ThomasCountyCommunityFoundation.com. Or, for questions call (785) 460-9152 or email the TCCF office at tccf@st-tel.net.

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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.