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### **Great Plains Communications IMPACT program contributes a grant to Leadership Custer County and the Custer Economic Development Corporation to provide sports equipment to area youth in need**

November 9, 2017 (Broken Bow, NE) - The Great Plains Communications IMPACT Program contributed a grant to Leadership Custer County and the Custer Economic Development Corporation to create and promote the Sports Saver drop box, a place where gently used sporting equipment can be donated to less fortunate area youth. With help from Josh Cyboron, a local Boy Scout pursuing his Eagle Scout, the box was completed under budget, and is working very well as a community resource for Broken Bow.

Josh Cyboron, who built the drop box working toward his Eagle Scout, had this to say. "I want to thank Great Plains Communications and the IMPACT grant program for giving me the opportunity to build the Sports Saver Drop Box. I am excited to have this Drop Box in Broken Bow so that all kids can have the equipment they need to participate in sports, regardless of their financial need. The IMPACT grant was a great program for our community this year and I hope other communities take advantage of this program in the future."

The Great Plains Communications IMPACT program encourages local nonprofit and community-based organizations to undertake projects or events that have a positive IMPACT. One community is chosen annually to receive IMPACT funding across multiple projects. In 2017, Broken Bow was chosen as the Great Plains Communications IMPACT location due to their strong sense of community and their culture of service and philanthropy. The Historical Society Intern project was one of five total Broken Bow projects funded this year.

"Being able to play sports is a privilege that all children should be able to enjoy. It allows them the opportunity to stay active and learn the importance of teamwork. This project can help to alleviate some of the cost for kids who need equipment but don't have the means to pay on their own," said Casey Garrigan, Marketing and Sales Relations Manager for Great Plains Communications. "We thank Leadership Custer County, the Custer Economic Development Corporation and Josh Cyboron for making this happen, and for letting Great Plains Communications be a part of it."

### **About Great Plains Communications**

Great Plains Communications is the largest privately-owned telecommunications provider in Nebraska. The company provides 92 communities across the state with high-speed Internet, Cable Television, and Voice services. Business solutions range from traditional Voice and data products to installation and support of large business networks with scalable Internet and Ethernet solutions.

At the core of their service offering is an extensive 9,500-mile regional fiber network including over 400 fiber miles in the Omaha Metro area. The network offers community access rings, last-mile, and middle-mile solutions, fully supported by their 24x7x365 Network Operations Center. The company is financially strong with a 107-year history of providing reliable and innovative solutions. For more information visit [www.gpcom.com](http://www.gpcom.com).

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