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### **Great Plains Communications IMPACT Program Contributes Grant to the McCook Family Resource Center**

#### **The Grant will be used to expand resources for annual Second Chance School Supply Giveaway**

August 4, 2016 (Blair, Neb.) - The Great Plains Communications IMPACT Program contributed a grant to the McCook Family Resource Center that will allow the organization to increase event operating hours and provide additional donation inventory for students in McCook, Nebraska. The annual event began eight years ago and was started in an effort to supplement the already-existing Salvation Army Backpack Giveaway, providing school supplies for McCook area children in need. The event begins on August 8th and continues through 11th at the Grace Baptist Church located at 1010 East 6th Street. Event hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

“We are so grateful to receive an IMPACT grant from Great Plains Communications. These funds will allow us to expand our Second Chance School Supply Giveaway in several ways,” said Kathy Haas, Family Resource Center Director. “We will be able to provide more school supplies, expand our event to include evening hours, and include new socks and underwear in the Giveaway. We are excited to be able to offer these expanded services to area families.”

This grant is part of the Great Plains Communications IMPACT Program, which was created to encourage local nonprofit and community organizations to undertake projects that solve a problem, serve a need, or develop their community.

#### **About Great Plains Communications**

Great Plains Communications is the largest privately owned telecommunications company in Nebraska and is headquartered in Blair, Nebraska. At the core of their service offering is an 8,000 mile regional fiber network encompassing the state of Nebraska and extending into Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, South Dakota and Wyoming.

They currently provide 90+ Nebraska communities with High-Speed Internet, High-Definition Cable Television, and Local and Long Distance Telephone services. Their business solutions range from traditional voice and data products to installation and support of large business networks with scalable Ethernet solutions. The company also prides itself on their progressive approach to accommodating the unique needs of regional and national telecommunications carriers, LECs, ISPs, and wireless carriers.

Great Plains Communications recently celebrated their 106-year anniversary, and are in their fourth generation of family ownership.

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