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### **Great Plains Communications IMPACT Program contributes a grant to the Central Plains for Services STEM Jr. Lab Station in Broken Bow, Nebraska**

November 21, 2017 (Broken Bow, NE) - The Great Plains Communications IMPACT Program has contributed a grant to the Central Plains Center for Services to bring science and technology to kindergarten through fifth grade students through the STEM Jr. Lab Station. The lab is utilized weekly during the organization's Super Kids Club program, and is also available for teachers in the Broken Bow Public Schools to expand their lesson plans. Local area business representatives assist the organization by instructing children in the lab during Super Kids Club hours.

"This grant has enabled Super Kids Club to extend student learning from classrooms to after school," said Megan Crawford, Program Director for the Super Kids Club After School & Summer Program. "SKC's strong community partners support STEM Jr. by coming in and teaching what they do at their jobs to students. By partnering with local businesses, students not only learn about local careers but also benefit from individuals and businesses interested in growing technologies in our area."

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

"Great Plains Communications is very passionate about the importance of education to sustain and advance our communities," said Casey Garrigan, Marketing and Sales Relations Manager for Great Plains Communications. "Creating the STEM Jr. Lab Station was quite an undertaking for Central Plains Center for Services. We commend them on these efforts and are proud to be able to work with organizations that are truly making a difference in Nebraska."

### **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).