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Dane G. Hansen Provides Grant to Smoky Hills PBS

BUNKER HILL, KS – The Dane G. Hansen Foundation has awarded Smoky Hills PBS (SHPBS) with a grant for \$85,000 to help support the station’s educational mission. These funds will help with the following:

- Produce local programs like *Doctors On Call*, *The Kansas Legislature*, sports programs featuring high school athletes in Northwest Kansas, and special events of interest to viewers in Northwest Kansas.
- Children’s educational programs from PBS KIDS, broadcasting 61 commercial-free hours each week, and at least 126 weekly hours on our PBS Kids channel.
- Broadcast educational programs for teens and adults, focusing on current events, science, history, and culture.
- Provide books to children enrolled in Early Head Start and Head Start.
- Operate and maintain the equipment to produce and broadcast educational and cultural programs.

“The financial support we receive from Dane G. Hansen is pertinent to Smoky Hills PBS,” said Betsy Schwien, General Manager for SHPBS. “Not only do these funds allow us to fund local productions on Smoky Hills PBS, but it helps ensure the future of Smoky Hills PBS to all of our viewers. People across central and western Kansas count on us to provide FREE quality, educational programming that they can trust! A place where they can find local programming that matters most to them.”

The Dane G. Hansen Foundation is committed to providing opportunities for the people of Northwest Kansas to enjoy the highest possible quality of life. The foundation advances its mission by investing in the areas of education, health care, economic development, community social services and security, conservation and environment, arts and culture and community beautification.

Smoky Hills PBS serves 71 counties in central and western Kansas and has been named the KS Association of Broadcasters Non-Metro Station of the Year. Smoky Hills PBS is available on many cable systems, DirecTV, DIRECTV STREAM, and Dish Network. It is also available to stream by clicking here: video.smokyhillstv.org/livestream. More information on Smoky Hills PBS and its programs and projects are available at www.SmokyHillsPBS.org or by calling 1-800-337-4788.