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The Finnup Foundation Supports Educational Programming on Smoky Hills PBS

BUNKER HILL, KS – The Finnup Foundation has awarded Smoky Hills PBS with a grant for \$20,000 to support the educational programming, PBS KIDS, on Smoky Hills PBS.

Michael Quade, Director of Broadcasting for Smoky Hills PBS stated, “With the support of the Finnup Foundation, we are again able to offer PBS KIDS programming, which provides the tools to support the social and emotional growth of young children throughout our viewing area in Central and Western Kansas. All absolutely FREE to families over the air and on the PBS Video app. We want to thank the Finnup Foundation for their continued support!”

Fans of PBS KIDS will get a chance to see episodes from favorite series, including new one-hour specials from MOLLY OF DENALI (NOW available) and WILD KRATTS (July 12). And on the PBS KIDS 24/7 channel, families can tune in to PBS KIDS Family Night every weekend for themed programming, including nature, space, family traditions, arts, friends and neighbors, water, animals, storytelling, and routines. Each of these ten themes was selected to support key learning areas identified by educators and experts and curated to provide flexible play and learn opportunities, while corresponding with supplemental resources and games that will be sent weekly through the [PBS KIDS for Parents newsletter](#).

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The Finnup Foundation Trust was established in 1977 by siblings Frederick Finnup and Isabel Finnup, who carried on the legacy of generosity that was modeled by their father, George Finnup, and their grandfather, Frederick Finnup. The Finnup family’s interest in families, youth, education and conservation are expressed through the gifts to many organizations in the community.

Smoky Hills PBS serves 71 counties in central and western Kansas. It is available on many cable systems, DirecTV, and Dish Network. More information on Smoky Hills PBS and its programs and projects are available at www.SmokyHillsPBS.org or by calling 1-800-337-4788.