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Russell County Area Community Foundation Provides Grant to Smoky Hills PBS

BUNKER HILL, KS – The Russell County Area Community Foundation has awarded Smoky Hills PBS a grant for \$1,000.

The grant awarded will support the Smoky Hills PBS' literacy leadership initiative in Russell County and will support the following:

- Book distribution program that will provide books to children in head start and early head start programs in Russell County
- Children's Programming on Smoky Hills PBS

The Smoky Hills PBS Book Distribution program provides books each year to Head Start and other early education programs across central and western Kansas through the funding of many foundation partners throughout Kansas. Encouraging a love of reading at a young age is an important aspect of educational development and that serves as the basis of why Smoky Hills PBS provides its Book Distribution Program each year.

The second component of the SHPBS Literacy Leadership Program is children's programming on Smoky Hills PBS (PBS KIDS). The funds received from the Russell County Area Community Foundation will also go to support 10 hours of safe, non-violent, educational children's programming every weekday on SHPBS! Parents can be assured that when their kids are watching PBS KIDS, they are LEARNING!

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Since 2001, Russell County Area Community Foundation has built stronger communities and helped donors make a difference through charitable giving in Russell County. Each year, the foundation distributes thousands of dollars back to our region through community grants.

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.