



KAB Non-Metro Station of the Year

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Wilson Family Charitable Trust Supports Smoky Hills PBS

BUNKER HILL, KS – The Wilson Family Charitable Trust has awarded Smoky Hills PBS with a generous contribution to support the educational programming, PBS KIDS, on Smoky Hills PBS.

These funds will help support 61 hours of safe, non-violent, educational children’s programming every week on Smoky Hills PBS! Parents can be assured that when their kids are in front of PBS KIDS, they are LEARNING! As the number one educational media brand for kids, PBS KIDS helps children ages 2-8 learn lessons that last a lifetime.

Amanda Smith, Director of Marketing for Smoky Hills PBS stated, “These funds support not only children, but the entire ecosystem in which children learn and grow – including their teachers and caregivers, parents, and community – providing resources accessible anytime and anywhere. With the support of the Wilson Family Charitable Trust, we can provide educational programming FREE to those children that may not have educational resources available to them. We want to thank the Wilson Family Charitable Trust for ensuring these resources are broadcasted and available to EVERYONE within our viewing area!”

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The Wilson Family Charitable Trust is a charitable trust that was funded after the death of Jack Wilson, a Salina Entrepreneur, to carry out his charitable intentions. Jack Wilson was born in Salina, KS, in 1924 where he lived his entire life. He was instrumental in designing the electrical system necessary to add air to flour to make the flour flow like water. This meant that the flour no longer had to be individually bagged and loaded onto trucks and trains. Instead, the flour could be blown through hoses and directly into trucks for hauling. After he retired from the mill, he started a successful business called Special Purpose Controls. Special Purpose Controls built and sold electrical controls for irrigation equipment. These controls were sold both domestically and internationally. He continued to be an inventor and entrepreneur until his death in 2018. He lived a conservative life which afforded him the ability to leave an impactful charitable legacy at his death through the Wilson Family Charitable Trust.

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, 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.