

Philanthropic foundation gave technology grant to church

The SBC Foundation, which is the philanthropic arm of SBC Communications Inc., recently announced it has awarded a \$7,000 SBC Excelsator technology grant to Catholic Social Service in Dodge City.

Catholic Social Service provides child welfare, adoption, foster care and other social services for children in southwest Kansas.

The grant is a major philanthropic initiative that connects the nation's residents to important community resources.

The program empowers nonprofits to use technology to expand the reach of services and heighten the impact those services have on people in the community, said Darin Miller, external affairs director for SBC Kansas.

This grant will allow Catholic Social Service to support a web-based management system called Technology Advancement Project. The system will use interactive technology to improve the efficiency of reporting and operating the child welfare agency.

"Catholic Social Service provides critical social services to children and families in southwest Kansas," Miller said. "The SBC Excelsator grant will provide technology to improve and expand those services."

"We are always looking for ways to do a better job serving the children and families of southwest Kansas," said Deborah J. Snapp, program director for Catholic Social Service.

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"Catholic Social Service is a valuable resource providing solutions for children and families in southwest Kansas," said Sen. Tim Huelskamp, Fowler. "I applaud this partnership with SBC to make sure our families get the supportive services they need."

"SBC has a strong reputation in Kansas as a corporate citizen willing to help worthy causes," said Rep. Pat George, Dodge City. "I appreciate their willingness to support important organizations like Catholic Social Service." SBC Excelsator was founded on the idea that technology access and resources can improve the lives of people in communities across the nation.

This year, the SBC Foundation provided \$5 million in 2004 SBC Excelsator competitive grants to 436 nonprofit organizations throughout the SBC 13-state region.

The competitive grant program is part of an overall \$8 million 2004

Technology training programs for nonprofit staff members

High speed access to the Internet and email

Network connectivity enabling easy sharing of database applications and information systems

In 2004, the SBC Foundation distributed more than \$8 million in SBC Excelsator grants to community-based organizations. Earlier this year, the SBC Foundation announced three national SBC Excelsator grants to the League of United Latin American Citizens, the National Urban League and the AMBER Alert Plan.

The league received a \$1 million SBC Excelsator grant to support its Empower Hispanic America with Technology initiative, which will provide computer equipment and high-speed

Internet access, technology curriculum and technology support to the Laton league community centers throughout the 13-state SBC territory.

The National Urban League re-

ceived \$1,070,000 in SBC Excelsator funds to launch 12 Digital Empowerment Academies, which will offer technology job skills training to African Americans in low-income communities.

Finally, the AMBER Alert Plan received nearly \$1 million in funding for law enforcement agencies in each of the SBC 13-state region to enhance the technology used to locate missing children.

To qualify for an SBC Excelsator grant, an organization's major focus and project must emphasize education, community development, health and human services, or

arts and culture.

Grant funds will be applied toward data communications services, hardware, software, technology training, personnel, and application development.

Grants range from \$2,500 to \$25,000 and are one year in length. Collaborations by two or more organizations were considered for grants up to \$50,000.

The SBC Excelsator program is the largest special grants program ever undertaken by the SBC Foundation, one of the top corporate foundations in the nation, according to The Foundation Center.

Gaither concert planned

A Gaither gospel video concert entitled "Christmas, A Time for Joy" will be shown at 6 p.m. Sunday at Colby Wesleyan Church. The video will feature the Gaither Vocal Band, Mark Lowery, Ho-

ward and Vestal Goodman, The Talley's, Florida Boys, The Bishops, Jeff and Sheri Easter, The Martins and many more. The presentation is open to the public and refreshments will be served.



Worship in the church
of your choice this
weekend.



WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Michael Eurit, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. (CDT)

Schedule of church services

ASCENSION-ON-THE-PRAIRIE EPISCOPAL, Rev. Don Martin, College Drive & Wheatridge Rd., 462-3041, Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m. every Sunday. Evening Prayer, 5:15 p.m. Wednesday, September through May. Christian Education for Youth, 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, September through May

COLLEGE DRIVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD, Pastor, Jeremy Gundling, 245 W. College Dr. - 462-8234, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m.

BEREAN CHURCH, Rev. Francis Harwerth, 1000 S. Franklin, 460-3076, www.colbyborean.com; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:45 a.m. Awana Clubs, Wednesday, 7 p.m., Middle & High School, Wednesday, 7 p.m. @ the Colby Armory

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Pastor Bradley L. Herndon, Grant & Webster Street, 462-2867, Morning Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Evening Worship 6:30 p.m., Wednesday Bible 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, (SBC), 1185 Wheatridge Rd. at College Drive, 462-7144, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship services, 10:45 a.m.

MINGO BIBLE CHURCH, 420 Main Mingo, 785-462-2992: An independent community church served by Village Missions Pastor Chris Shubert. Sunday School: 9:30AM - all ages. Sunday Services: 10:45AM. Sunday Nights: 1st Sunday of the month: potluck following morning service - no evening service; 2nd Sunday: services at 6:30 PM; 3rd Sunday: informal fellowship - bring a snack to share!; 4th and 5th Sunday: services at 6:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC, 462-2179, Father Dana Clark, Pastor, Saturday Eve. Mass 5:30 p.m., Sunday Masses 8:00 & 10:00 a.m., Confessions will be heard Saturday 4:30-5:05 p.m. and from 7:30-7:45 p.m. and 9:25-9:40 p.m. on Sunday.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Rev. Carol Rahn, 515 W. 4th, 462-6342, Sunday School 9:15 a.m., Worship, 10:30 a.m. September through May; Worship 9:30 a.m. June through Labor Day.

WESLEYAN CHURCH, 320 W. Pine - 462-8391, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:40 a.m., Sunday Evening Cell groups at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday Youth Ministries, Kids Clubhouse 7 p.m.

TEENS FOR CHRIST CONNECTION, Everett Robert, 462-7404, Both middle school and high school program.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS, 1145 S. Franklin - 460-6605, President Dave Geldmacher, 846-7740; Elmer Schielke, 1st counselor, 462-9022 and Calvin Haverfield, 2nd counselor, 672-4165. Sacrament meeting 10 a.m., Sunday School and Primary 11:20 a.m., Priesthood, Relief Society, YM/YW, 12:10 p.m.; Family History Center open to public, 7-9 p.m. Thursdays, or by appointment. Call 462-3571.

COLBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. James Mardock, pastor, 950 S. Franklin, 462-6521, Sunday Worship Services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., Fellowship coffee 9:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., KXXX broadcasts 11:00 worship. http://www.gbmg-umc.org/colby-umc/

REDEEMING LOVE CHURCH, 345 N. Franklin, Bishop W.G. and Rev. Orvella Romine, Equipping Service, Sunday, 10 a.m., Sunday worship, 11 a.m., Wednesday RLM Training Center (Bible School), 6 p.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, 510 E. 4th, Jay Kelley, minister, Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday Eve. Worship 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, (Disciples of Christ), 385 W. 3rd - 460-2718, Sunday Morning Worship at 10:45 a.m.; Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. E-mail: fcccolby@st-tel.net

LANDMARK UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, Pastor Doyle Glasscock, 815 West 3rd - 462-3667, Service times: Sunday, 10 a.m., 6:30 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH, Alvin Bruenger, serving interim, East 5th & Country club, 462-3497, Worship, Saturday, 5:30 p.m., Sunday; Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 9:15 a.m.; Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Lutheran Hour on KXXX at 10 a.m.; KGCR @ 2 p.m. website http://www.trinitycolbyks.org

OUR SAVIORS LUTHERAN CHURCH Brewster, Sunday Worship 9 a.m., Sunday School 10 a.m.

PLEASANT HOME CHURCH, Pastor, Charlie Buch, 694-2242, 3190 Road 70, Edson, Worship, 9:00 a.m., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Evening service, 6:00 p.m.

LEVANT COMMUNITY CHURCH, Pastor Jerry Vincent, 586-2376, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Morning worship 10:30 a.m.

WINONA METHODIST CHURCH, Rev. Michael Eurit, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m., Morning Worship 9:30 a.m. (CDT)

BREWSTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, PO Box 250, Brewster. Pastor Dorine Chambers, 785-462-6044, Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m.

THE SHEPHERD'S STAFF, REXFORD, Mr. Bob Leach, Director, 687-2565

REXFORD COMMUNITY CHURCH, Rexford, Pastor Lane Purcell, 687-3305, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

BREWSTER COMMUNITY CHURCH, Mike Pinkelman, Pastor, Brewster - 694-2720, Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Sunday Night Bible Study 7:30 p.m., Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Peace on Earth

As we celebrate the season, we say a prayer for peace and wish that everyone around the world will someday live in harmony. We hope that the holidays find you surrounded by family and friends.

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