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Healthcare Foundation announces 2010 events

The community has been extremely supportive of foundation activities. Well over \$5 million has been raised and returned to local health agencies, schools, and the hospital in the 23 years since the founding of the healthcare foundation. There are many ways to get involved from attending, volunteering and sponsoring events. Donations go towards the healthcare needs of the citizens of Geary County now and in the future.

The Geary Community Healthcare Foundation announced the 2010 events, starting with the 8th annual **Boots, Chaps and Cowboy Hats** on Saturday, April 24, at 6:00 p.m. The venue is the Black Horse Hitch Barn at Munson Angus Farms outside Junction City. Proceeds will benefit AlphaCare, Geary Community Hospital's new after-hours primary care clinic. Guests will enjoy delicious steak dinners, horse-drawn surrey rides and a silent auction. The Smokey Hill River Band will provide boot-scootin' dance music.

The annual **Memorial Trellis** fundraiser is set for May. The trellis is adorned with names of loved ones who have passed away. It will be set up in the main lobby of Geary Community Hospital. A \$25 donation to the foundation buys space on the trellis for each loved one named. Proceeds go to the foundation to be used for future healthcare needs.

Night at the Ballpark arrives just in time for summer on Friday, June 11, at 7:00 p.m. The place is Rathert Stadium during a Junction City Generals baseball game. Half of the price of the tickets sold by the foundation

comes back to the foundation for a project yet to be named. The ballgame includes games and laughs between innings.

The 11th annual **Fall Classic Golf Tournament** is set for Friday, September 17 at Rolling Meadows Golf Tournament. Proceeds from this four-person scramble will go to Geary Community Hospital's hospice program.

The **Holiday Tree of Memories** is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, in the tribute garden at GCH. The brief ceremony of remembrance honors the names of deceased loved ones, which were submitted for memorial recognition. Commemorative Christmas ornaments are given to persons making a donation to their choice of the foundation or home health and hospice.

The premier event of the season is the 10th annual **Holiday Glitz** on December 11 at the Geary County Convention Center. This black-tie fundraiser features a first class auction and dinner dance. Proceeds will again benefit GCH's hospice program.

Contact Jolana Montgomery-Matney at 785-238-3787 for tickets and further information.