

# DONATIONS HELP MEET LOCAL NEEDS

*New Homestead, GCH Foundation are benefactors of 10-Squared Women quarterly giving*

Due to the recent COVID-19 Pandemic, the 10 Squared Women of Guthrie County cancelled its May 2020 quarterly meeting and opted for an electronic discussion amongst members about the greatest needs for this quarter, in the wake of the Pandemic. After a few surveys had been completed and input gathered, it was decided that the group would donate to two charities with members deciding to give their \$100 quarterly donations how they chose. The group is proud to announce, that once all the checks had been collected from members and several company matches, a lump sum of \$8,350 was presented to New Opportunities, Inc. and \$3,500 to Guthrie County Hospital

Foundation.

New Opportunities is a 501(c)(3) non-profit community action agency for all of Guthrie County. It networks with local organizations to enhance the opportunities for low income children and families to meet basic needs and develop their own capacity to do so. Programs and services offered are Food Pantry, LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), weatherization, clothes closet, disaster relief (when county declared by state), back to school supplies, Christmas toys, holiday food baskets and Summer Food Service Program at the Guthrie Center Elementary. The office is run by the Family Development Center Coordinator Rhonda Huggins

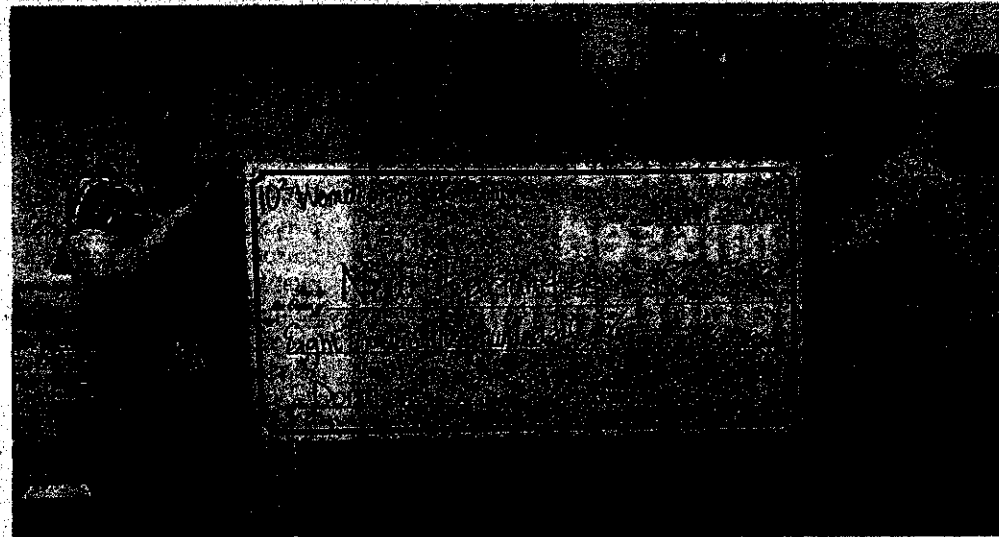
and volunteers. This donation will go to help fund their food pantry and their other programs in Guthrie County. More information about New Opportunities, Inc. can be found on their website [www.newopp.org](http://www.newopp.org). You can also follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/New-Opportunities-Guthrie-County-Family-Development-Center-696859360329589/>. "New Opportunities, Inc. would like to thank the 10 Squared Women of

Guthrie County for their continued support and this generous donation during these uncertain times. We greatly appreciate it," stated Rhonda Huggins. Guthrie County Hospital (GCH) Foundation, founded in 1995 as a 501(c)3 nonprofit entity, was organized to generate and manage donations to Guthrie County Hospital. The GCH Foundation is comprised of a volunteer board, as well as staff from hospital administra-

tion. Through its history GCH Foundation has contributed to physical expansion projects, advancements in technology, and other equipment and resource needs optimizing the delivery of healthcare to the communities served by Guthrie County Hospital. In the current pandemic the

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**Rhonda Huggins, New Opportunities, left, and Kristen Crouthamel, 10 Squared Women**

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GCH Foundation continues to support Guthrie County Hospital for the needs that have arisen through the new challenges that COVID-19 has brought.

"In these most recent times of uncertainty the kindness of 10 Squared Women is greatly embraced. This donation will go towards assisting with the needs of Guthrie County Hospital directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic. On behalf of the GCH Foundation, we commend the efforts of generosity and support on behalf of 102 Women of Guthrie County. This donation will forever be remembered by the GCH Foundation as a gold leaf will be placed on one of the Giving Trees honoring 10 Squared Women of Guthrie County," stated Kimberly Myers, GCH Administrator Support Services/HR/Foundation liaison. Guthrie County Hospital and GCH Foundation can be found online at [www.guthriecountyhospital.org](http://www.guthriecountyhospital.org). You can also follow the Guthrie County

Hospital and Clinics on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/GuthrieCountyHospital/>.

The 10 Squared Women group felt that a group photo presentation would not be prudent at this time for the GCH Foundation, and that mailing their donation was the safest option. A live check presentation was held for New Opportunities, and social distancing was practiced. When the 10 Squared Women are able to resume normal live meetings, they will hear an update from the two organizations about how their funds were used.

The 10 Squared Women's group normally holds a meetings quarterly at Lake Panorama Conference Center the fourth Tuesday in February, May, August and November. Members in attendance hear from three nominated organizations, drawn from "the hat" of nominated organizations at random, and vote on the winning cause that night. 10 Squared Women is focused on helping and donating to local organizations that vow to put those charitable funds to work, right in our back yards. The funds are used in various projects to benefit the community's residents.

"We felt, at this time, it was important to think outside the box and ask our members to help us identify the greatest immediate needs in Guthrie County. Over 65% of our members responded to the surveys and these two organizations were chosen to help in the current COVID19 fight" said Laura Stetzel, co-organizer. "Now more than ever, we must all come together, to support our communities. While coming together looks a little differently, we wish safety and health to you all" said Lauren Doll-Sheeder, co-organizer.

The group currently has about 104 members and 20 organizations nominated and strongly encourages additional philanthropic organizations to come forward. Since 10 Squared Women of Guthrie County was formed (January 2017), they have respectfully contributed nearly \$154,000 towards various organizations and causes in our county.

10 Squared Women members are encouraged to talk to their friends, neighbors and family about the group, and to share the group within their social circles. Members are not required to at-

tend meetings; however, in order for their vote to count, must be in attendance at the meeting. All members are expected to write their donation checks whether they can attend the meeting and vote or not.

The group is continuously looking for new members who are excited about helping their communities and Guthrie County! To learn how to get involved, you can visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/10squaredwomengc>, or email them at [10squaredgc@gmail.com](mailto:10squaredgc@gmail.com). Membership Forms and Frequently Asked Questions can be found on their Facebook page or by contacting them through Facebook or email.