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BCU Awards Grant

KIOWA DISTRICT HEALTHCARE RECEIVES *PATHWAYS TO A HEALTHY KANSAS* GRANT THROUGH BARBER COUNTY UNITED

Kiowa, KS – Barber County United is proud to award Kiowa District Healthcare with a \$9,290.81 Pathways to a Healthy Kansas grant. The purpose of the Healthcare Grant is to provide new opportunities and greater access to healthy living options for Kiowa District Healthcare employees, patients, and visitors. The grant is made available through Barber County United's collaboration with *Pathways to Healthy Kansas* an initiative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas.



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New health and wellness initiatives have been put in place with the help of Barber County United. The grant purchased equipment allowing Kiowa District Healthcare to offer healthier food options for employees, patients, and visitors throughout the hospital. Access to fresh food is now available 24-hours a day. A glass front refrigerator, beverage cooler, Eco-Water drinking system, and an employee scanning Kiosk are some of the pieces of equipment installed with the funds.



"This Pathways grant was the perfect opportunity to make our overall health a priority! Along with this, Kiowa District Healthcare has added new employee benefits that contribute to mental well-being. The past couple of years have been extremely trying, and we are proud to say that our staff has been steadfast." Shares Janell Goodno, CEO Kiowa District Healthcare.



Pictured from left to right: Robin Eubanks-Callis, Brenda Myers, Jana Mott, Mallory Ratts, Abby Humphrey, Janell Goodno, Lynne Johnson, Erin Pettera, Philip Anton, Nick Davis, Deb Kolb.

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Barber County United is a local quality-of-life coalition focused on new approaches to rural wellness. The coalition strives to strengthen Barber County communities by bringing its people together to become healthier Kansans. The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas initiative, Pathways to a Healthy Kansas, combines community-wide evidence-based solutions and promising practices for improving active living, healthy eating, and tobacco prevention to make a large impact across multiple sectors in communities. The program provides community coalitions with the tools and resources needed to engage their communities and remove barriers to healthy living. Debra Kolb, Barber County United Coordinator of the Pathways program, manages the collaborative project addressing social determinants of health across the county.