

Colorado

First FarmBank

Greeley, Colorado

First FarmBank will support the local VFW Thanksgiving meal for Greeley residents. First FarmBank is the title sponsor the Evans Area Chamber of Commerce golf tournament, which donates funds to this cause. The #500forGood funds will aid in their efforts.

FMS Bank

Greeley, Colorado

Housing affordability is crippling many Colorado communities. FMS will allocate their #500forGood funds to help their local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. These funds can aid in helping households living on modest incomes realize the full benefits of owning their own home.

North Valley Bank

Thornton, Colorado

Staff of North Valley Bank, located in a northern suburb of Denver, are involved in the local Rotary Club and know the importance of their donations to area food banks. This donation will support the Rotary Club's giving.

Kansas

The Bank

Oberlin, Kansas

The Bank has branches located in seven northwest Kansas counties. The Bank plans to challenge branch employees to raise funds for their county's food pantry. The branch that raises the most money will get the \$500 added to their donation. The Bank believes support of local food pantries is vital, especially going into the holiday season when needs are greater.

First State Bank

Hill City, Kansas

Hill City is a community of about 1,500 people in northwest Kansas. A local Hill City resident has taken it upon herself to transport fellow townspeople to their doctors' appointments out of town. First State Bank plans to donate the \$500 to help with rising gas costs for this generous community volunteer.

First State Bank

Plainville, Kansas

The local Stockton food pantry recently moved to a new location. Some in the community didn't know about the move and thought the pantry had closed its doors permanently. With many community members at or below the poverty level, this needed resource is essential to Stockton. Solutions North will use their #500forGood funds to help stock the shelves for local residents in need.

Grant County Bank

Ulysses, Kansas

Ulysses, a city of 6,000, has a primary care hospital, but lacks specialized services. This means residents need to travel to Garden City for care. A nonprofit organization, Southwest Health Transport, was formed to provide transportation to those who need it Garden City's regional medical center. A 12-passenger bus has been acquired and will be delivered in December. Grant County Bank will use the #500forGood funds to provide gasoline and drivers for the bus to help ease the burden on family, friends and neighbors in the community.

Heartland Credit Union

Hutchinson, Kansas

Strengthening financial literacy in their credit union membership and community is a top priority for Heartland Credit Union. With their \$500, HCU will buy copies of the book entitled "The Berenstain Bears' Trouble with Money," geared to students in kindergarten through second grade. They plan to visit classrooms, read the book with students, conduct a reinforcing activity and then donate the book to the school library. The funds will allow HCU to buy enough books to visit dozens of elementary schools in the communities of Hutchinson, Haven, Newton and Wichita.

**Mid-America Bank
Baldwin City, Kansas**

The Baldwin Education Foundation started a program four years ago called Cares to help local kids in need of basic toiletries and food. The program was created after school counselors identified an increasing need for these items. One example shared was a boy who came into the junior high school office crying because he was being picked on for having body odor. The counselor determined he didn't have deodorant or soap to use after gym class. Mid-America Bank will support this program with their \$500.

**Solutions North Bank
Stockton, Kansas**

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Oklahoma

Alva State Bank & Trust Company

Alva, Oklahoma

Alva State Bank & Trust Company plans to buy \$500 worth of postage stamps and blank thank you cards. Each bank employee will pick 10 to 15 people and write an anonymous thank you note to them. It can be anyone they feel makes a positive impact on the community or anyone who just might need reminded that someone in the world thinks they are awesome. The bank is hoping the person on the receiving end becomes curious, hopeful and inspired by the note and that cycle of kindness will continue.

American Bank of Oklahoma

Collinsville, Oklahoma

American Bank of Oklahoma will donate their \$500 to Arubah Community Clinic, a nonprofit in Collinsville run by doctors who volunteer their time. The clinic serves medical and dental needs for individuals regardless of their ability to pay in all surrounding communities and counties. To date, they have helped over 1,000 individuals from 51 different towns. Financial support is crucial in continuing service to the community.

The Bank of the West

Thomas, Oklahoma

The small community of Thomas has been without a daycare center for quite a few years. Two local churches supported one for many years but were unable to continue. Luckily, a new option has come to town. To support working families, the Bank of the West would like to make a \$500 donation to the new daycare to support their efforts.

Gateway First Bank

Jenks, Oklahoma

Approximately 800 Afghan refugees are relocating to the Tulsa area. Gateway First Bank will use their #500forGood award to help provide housing assistance as part of the relocation for one of these refugees.

InterBank

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

InterBank will partner with Citizens Caring for Children whose mission is to fill Christmas wish lists for foster children through their Joy4Kids program. These wish lists are approximately \$75 each, so the \$500 will bring Christmas to about six foster children. Citizens Caring for Children relies solely on community support to fulfill wish list requests. The holidays can be difficult for Oklahoma foster children. Knowing that someone cared enough to provide a gift from their Christmas wish list is priceless.

Security First National Bank of Hugo**Hugo, Oklahoma**

Security First National Bank plans to partner with the local school superintendent and his staff to select underprivileged elementary students within the Hugo school district to receive a ticket to the Endangered Ark Foundation (EAF) in Hugo. The EAF is a private nonprofit that is a retirement ranch for circus elephants. The price of admission is \$25 for children under the age of 12, which is not affordable for many local families. The #500forGood funds will allow 20 children to expand their horizons and may add to their hometown pride visiting the local site. The complimentary tickets would also benefit the EAF by helping them with their goals of education and preservation.

Cobalt Credit Union**Papillion, Nebraska**

Cobalt Credit Union will fund and assemble holiday gift boxes for all the veterans who reside at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home (ENVH) in Bellevue, Nebraska. The ENVH is a skilled care, assisted living and dementia care facility. The \$500 will help ensure each box is filled with an assortment of easy-to-eat, individually wrapped treats and make beaded snowflake ornaments, handmade by Cobalt employees. They hope the special gift boxes will help the veterans enjoy the holidays.

Farmers and Merchants Bank**Milligan, Nebraska**

The Green Space in Milligan, Nebraska is an area with a Veteran's memorial with a monument, pergola and mural honoring all branches of the military. The Green Space occupies the space where a beloved historical building, The Frosty Mug, was demolished. Private donations and grants were used to create the space and continue to pay for landscaping and maintenance of The Green Space. Farmers and Merchants Bank will use the \$500 to help keep The Green Space, green.

First Westroads Bank**Omaha Nebraska**

First Westroads Bank plans to donate the #500forGood funds to Angels Among Us, a non-profit organization that provides housing and essential items to families that are coming to Omaha for pediatric cancer treatments.

Midwest Bank**Norfolk, Nebraska**

For the past 3 years, Midwest Bank has partnered with the local grocery store and schools to make Thanksgiving meal packages for families in need. The Thanksgiving packages contain turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, stuffing, corn, dinner rolls, butter and pumpkin pie. The \$500 will help Midwest Bank provide 52 Thanksgiving meals needy families this holiday season.

**Nebraska State Bank
Oshkosh, Nebraska**

Nebraska State Bank plans to use the \$500 to support the Garden County Sherriff's office in purchasing a K-9 unit. The K-9 unit will help the sheriff's office continue to keep the community safe and welcoming to people moving to the area.

**Scribner Bank
Scribner, Nebraska**

Scribner Bank will use the \$500 as tuition assistance for a new afterschool program designed for families who may have experienced job loss due to the pandemic and are trying to get back to a steady job. The City of Scribner, the Scribner Snyder Community Schools and the YMCA have been working to start an after-school program at the local school. The intent is to provide a safe place for children of working parents to go when school gets out.

**State Bank of Table Rock
Pawnee City, Nebraska**

The State bank of Table Rock will donate the funds to the local childcare facility to help cover the cost of mandated trainings the employees are required to receive each year.

**State Nebraska Bank & Trust
Wayne, Nebraska**

State Nebraska Bank & Trust will use \$500 to purchase coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and boots at local businesses for the Wayne Coat Closet, located in the First Presbyterian Church in Wayne, Nebraska (see <https://fpcwayne.com/wayne-coat-closet/>). The Wayne Coat Closet normally gives out 200-250 coats a year, but at a recent event earlier this month, it gave out 120 coats in one day. Coat inventory is low right now and needs to be restocked. This organization serves those in need in Wayne County, a rural community of about 9,000 people.

**F&M Bank
West Point, Nebraska**

The Franciscan Healthcare Pediatric Rehab team in West Point, NE is currently raising funds to update the city park playground equipment to be all inclusive and accommodate children of all abilities. F&M Bank will donate the #500forGood funds to the help purchase equipment so all children can play and socialize together in a safe environment.

**Security First Bank
Lincoln Nebraska**

Security First Bank will use the \$500 to help pay power bills for families struggling to pay for electricity this winter. One less bill for a month is one less worry.