AACF touts Match Day success

(KAIR)--Nearly \$350,000 has been raised through the second annual "All Aboard Atchison" Match Day Fundraiser, held last week through the efforts of the Atchison Area Community Foundation.

According to a release, the total amount was raised collectively through the 39 local fund holders of the AACF. On August 19, a two-hour, in-person fundraising event was held at the Atchison Event Center, with that gathering generating \$155,000 of the total dollars raised.

The release explains that "over 720 individual gifts were made from the public totaling over \$238,000 and \$105,000 in matching funds was contributed from event sponsors as well as \$2,000 in prize drawings."

The Match Day Fundraiser was held August 18 through August 21.

AACF President and Chairman Jonathan Mize, in the release, calls the Match Day Event "a powerful fundraising tool for [Atchison's] local non-profit community," adding that Atchison again showed how "generous" it is.

The Match Day's major sponsors were the Courtney S. Turner Charitable Trust, the Exchange Bank Foundation, Union State Bank, Blish-Mize Co., Berger Company, the Pratt Family Charitable Foundation, MGP Ingredients, Karen (Cray) Seaberg, and Thrivent Financial.

According to the release, the Match Day Event is set to return in 2023 and will be, the release says, "looking to raise even more money for more local causes."

The Atchison Area Community Foundation was established in 2019, and serves as a source of funding for local nonprofits and public entities.

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