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THE GVTC FOUNDATION NAMES \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
Student selected for outstanding volunteerism in her community

SMITHSON VALLEY, April 16, 2012 — Daniela McCarthy, a Smithson Valley High School student, is the recipient of the \$10,000 Ola Armstrong Scholarship. The award is presented by The GVTC Foundation to a graduating senior that best demonstrates characteristics of community involvement through volunteerism and similar activities. The scholarship was established in honor of Ola Armstrong, who served as The GVTC Foundation president and board member, for several years.

McCarthy was honored at a reception at the GVTC Boardroom, on Monday, April 16, 2012. She was selected among 77 scholarship applicants from 20 area high schools. She's highly involved in her community, logging more than 250 volunteer hours through her church and organizations such as Comal County 4-H, Future Farmers of America, and Angel Tree, to name a few.

McCarthy's successful "Soup for Seniors" program also impressed the Foundation's, Scholarship Committee. Her initiative raised more than 1,275 cans of soup, over six months. She organized the program and collected all the cans, which were donated to organizations such as Habitat for Safe Seniors, Bulverde Community Center and Laurel Plaza Senior Center in New Braunfels.

"With Daniela's work ethic, academic success and her extensive volunteerism, it is clear why she was selected for the Armstrong Scholarship, among the other candidates," Roger Lewis, vice

president, The GVTC Foundation, said. “Her passion to help others, and love for this community, emulates what Ola Armstrong and this scholarship is all about.”

“I pursued this scholarship because it focused on community service and that is one of my strong suits,” McCarthy said. “I’m very excited to be selected and it’s a huge blessing and privilege to be compared to Ms. Armstrong; she’s definitely an idol of mine.”

McCarthy will use her scholarship to help achieve her career goal of being a veterinarian, and specialize caring for large animals. McCarthy is an avid equestrian and has been riding horses since age three. She will begin her studies at Texas State in the fall 2012 semester and then transfer to Texas A&M to complete her education for Doctor of Veterinary Medicine.

About GVTC:

GVTC is a full-service communications provider offering high-speed Internet, digital cable TV, phone and home security monitoring across 2,000 square miles of South Central Texas. GVTC was the first company in the region to deploy fiber-to-the-home technology and through its next-generation fiber network has the fastest Internet speeds in its service area. The company was named Business of the Year by the Boerne and Canyon Lake Chambers of Commerce, selected the past four years as a *Broadband Communities* magazine Top 100 broadband provider, recognized by the *San Antonio Express-News* and *San Antonio Business Journal* as an exemplary employer, given the Fiber-to-the-Home Council’s Chairman’s Award, received a NTCA TeleChoice Award and twice named winner of the Broadband Multimedia Marketing Association’s Marketing Excellence Award.

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