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GVTC Foundation employee pledge drive once again reaches record amount

SMITHSON VALLEY, January 11, 2016 — GVTC employees once again come through in record fashion to support The GVTC Foundation. The final amount from the Foundation's 2016 pledge drive is \$255,784.70, which is \$2,800 better than the previous year.

GVTC employees committed \$85,023.88, with the GVTC board of directors pledging \$17,290. GVTC matched these pledges by 150 percent, which resulted in the 2016 grand total.

Money raised from annual fundraiser helps support nonprofits in the GVTC service area that serve the community in health & human services, youth programs, volunteer emergency services, cultural activities and education.

In 2015, The GVTC Foundation gave over \$300,000 to more than 90 charitable organizations and is approaching two-million in donations since being established in 2016.

"I'm truly touched by the giving spirit of our employees. We haven't missed a challenge in our pledge drives because our executive team, employees and board of directors see the impact our Foundation makes in our community," Paula White, The GVTC Foundation president, said. "On behalf of the Foundation board of directors, I'd like to thank everyone for their support. We will continue to be excellent stewards of The GVTC Foundation."

Because The GVTC Foundation is operated through the work of employee volunteers, there is very low overhead. As a result, 94 cents of every dollar raised goes back to donations, scholarships or the Foundation's endowment fund.

Nonprofits can learn more about applying for a donation by visiting GVTCFoundation.com/grants.

About GVTC:

GVTC is a full-service communications provider offering high-speed Internet, digital cable TV, phone and interactive home security monitoring to residential and business customers to customers in far north San Antonio, the Texas Hill Country and South Central Texas. GVTC was first to the San Antonio market with fiber-to-the-home services, 1 Gbps internet speeds and with symmetrical broadband speeds. GVTC also offers an extensive selection of business communication services available throughout its service area, New Braunfels and San Antonio.

In June 2014, the GVTC GigaRegion® was formed with the cities of Boerne, Bulverde and Gonzales. Through this unique public-private partnership, GVTC and the GigaRegion® cities jointly market the benefits of a fiber network, along with economic incentives, to compete for jobs and improve quality of life.

GVTC has been named a Top 100 Fiber to the Home Company by Broadband Communities Magazine, for eight consecutive years, received the 2014 Broadband Vision Award for Service Provider by the Broadband Multimedia Marketing Association and selected a 2015 Top Operator by CableFAX The Magazine. GVTC has also received numerous Top Workplaces and Best Places to Work awards. The company's philanthropic arm, The GVTC Foundation, is approaching two million dollars in donations to charitable organizations, since its establishment in 2006. Learn more at GVTC.com