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Local nonprofits to benefit from The GVTC Foundation Employee Pledge Drive

SMITHSON VALLEY, January 10, 2017 — The 2017 GVTC Foundation Employee Pledge Drive is a record-setter for GVTC employee participation and dollars committed. Ninety-percent of all GVTC employees signed up to support the company's 501(c) (3) foundation through payroll deduction — the highest participation level in the history of the annual event. The total dollars committed by employees, GVTC's board of directors and GVTC is \$270,807, which is also an all-time high for the pledge drive.

"Thanks to all of our employees and GVTC board of directors for their support! We are absolutely thrilled with the very generous and record-breaking response," Paula White, The GVTC Foundation, president, said. "As a board, we pledge to be the best stewards of these contributions to meet the growing needs of the nonprofit organizations we support, who help so many thousands of people in our service area."

As a leading corporate philanthropic organization in the Hill Country, The GVTC Foundation uses Pledge Drive funds to help nonprofit organizations in GVTC's service area that support health & human services, youth programs, volunteer emergency services, education and cultural programs. In 2016, the Foundation contributed over \$324,422 to 90 local nonprofits. Since 2006, The GVTC Foundation has given over \$2.2 million in donations and scholarships back our community.

About GVTC:

GVTC is an award winning fiber optics communications provider delivering high-speed Internet, digital cable TV, phone and interactive home security monitoring to residential and business customers in far north San Antonio, the Texas Hill Country and South Central Texas. Through its fiber network GVTC offers broadband speeds up to 1 Gbps and symmetrical broadband connections, up to 100 Mbps.

GVTC offers wholesale carrier transport between San Antonio, Austin, Dallas and Houston, with unique access to remote Texas markets. The company organized the GVTC GigaRegion®, a unique private-public partnership, with the cities of Boerne, Bulverde and Gonzales. The GVTC GigaRegion® markets the benefits of a fiber network, along with economic incentives, to compete for jobs and improve quality of life.

The company's philanthropic arm, The GVTC Foundation, is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2016. The Foundation has donated over \$2.2 million dollars to charitable organizations throughout the GVTC service area.

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