

GVTC Foundation Honors First Responders with Flood Relief Donations

In the wake of the devastating Hill Country flood over the July 4th weekend, The GVTC Foundation rallied the community in support of local first responders who stepped up in the aftermath. The collection was made possible by GVTC employees and customers, as well as a generous donation from a donor.

Every dollar donated was matched by GVTC Communications Donor Matching program. Customers are matched at 100%, while employees are matched at 150%. With the donations, The GVTC Foundation was able to make a significant impact for local volunteer fire departments. The donations and matching totaled \$75,000, of which every dollar was distributed to seven departments.

"When disaster struck the Hill Country, our donors didn't hesitate to act. Thanks to the incredible generosity of those who contributed, we were able to make a lasting impact. This effort reflects what makes the Hill Country so special—neighbors coming together to protect and support one another. We are proud to honor these first responders and deeply grateful to everyone who made this possible," said Sonia Aquillon, President of The GVTC Foundation.

Honoring First Responders

This year's GVTC Foundation Game Day 5K honored first responders from these departments, shining a spotlight on the volunteer fire departments that serve as the frontline in emergencies. A spirited tug-of-war contest between local departments added to the day's celebration. Each team that competed earned an additional \$1,000, with the winning department taking home \$3,000. Congratulations to Bulverde Spring Branch Emergency Services, who walked away with the jackpot and title.

Following the friendly competition, The GVTC Foundation surprised participating departments with the full distribution of flood relief donations, plus the winnings from the contest and a grant for each department.

- Sisterdale \$24,000
- Boerne Fire \$21,500
- Bergheim \$17,500

- Bulverde Spring Branch \$11,000
- Canyon Lake \$8,000
- Blanco Fire \$7,000
- Kendalia \$7,000

Community Impact

The GVTC Foundation extends heartfelt thanks to all customers, employees, and community members who donated, volunteered, and participated. Together, they not only raised funds but also demonstrated the true spirit of resilience, gratitude, and unity that defines the Hill Country.

About GVTC:

GVTC is an award-winning fiber optics communications provider delivering high-speed Internet, streaming TV, phone, and interactive smart security to residential and business customers in far north San Antonio, the Texas Hill Country, and South Central Texas. GVTC offers Internet connection speeds up to 5 Gbps. GVTC's wholesale carrier transport network delivers Ethernet data delivery between San Antonio, Austin, Dallas, Lubbock, and Houston, with access to remote Texas markets. The company's philanthropic arm, The GVTC Foundation, celebrates 19 years of charitable giving. More than \$7 million in contributions have been given throughout GVTC's service area.