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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Village of Malmo Awarded \$5,000 Community Improvement Grant

Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company (NNTC) and The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS) are proud to announce a \$5,000 grant awarded to the Village of Malmo in Saunders County, Nebraska!

Malmo's Planning and Zoning Commission accepted on behalf of the village on Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at Centennial Park in Malmo from NNTC. Planning and Zoning Board Member, Jennifer Chvatal submitted the application this summer for an Expression Swing™ and a Double Bay Single Post Swing from GameTime® for the park.

In her application, Chvatal wrote, "With your help I feel we will be able to continue to foster communication between our elders and children especially with the Expression Swing™ in providing a piece of equipment that both the young and old can not only revisit their childhood days with but interact with all generations."

Malmo hopes to have the swings in Centennial Park by next spring.

"We're proud to present this check to Malmo. It shows growth in the communities NNTC serves and we're happy to be a part in making this happen," said NNTC GM Pat McElroy.

20 communities from across the United States received a community grant from the FRS in conjunction with their local telephone company. For a complete list of awardees, visit the FRS online: [www.frs.org](http://www.frs.org).

About NNTC:

*Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company is a telephone, internet and television service provider headquartered in Jackson, NE. NNTC serves 30 communities throughout 24 counties in northeast Nebraska. Founded in 1955, NNTC is one of Nebraska's first telephone cooperatives providing fiber service to 100% of its customers.*

About FRS:

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