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Saunders County Robotics Awarded \$5,000 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 Saunders County Robotics Club!

The Saunders County Robotics Club accepted the grant from Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company on Wednesday, December 14th in Wahoo at the Saunders County Fairgrounds, where the robotics club meets.

The Saunders County Robotics Club, which is part of 4-H has grown by 800% over the last 10 years. Club organizers plan to purchase a tool chest, dollies, a bandsaw, workbenches, and storage totes to meet the organization's growing needs. The club is a non-profit organization run 100% by volunteer coaches who focus on STEM robotics for students of all ages. They learn to create and program robots.

"We're proud to present this check to the Saunders County Robotics club. When youth can use STEM techniques while striving to come up with new inventions, it's a win-win for learning and technology. We're happy to be a part in making this happen," said NNTC GM Pat McElroy.

More than 200 applications for this grant were received from all over the U.S. 31 communities were awarded \$142,000 from the FRS in conjunction with their local telephone company. For a complete list of awardees, visit the FRS online: 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:

The Foundation for Rural Service (FRS), the philanthropic arm of NTCA–The Rural Broadband Association and its members, seeks to sustain and enhance the quality of life in rural America by advancing an understanding of rural issues. Through scholarships, grants, and a variety of educational programs, FRS focuses on educating rural youth, encouraging community development and introducing policymakers to challenges unique to rural communities. Visit us at www.frs.org.