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Vibrant communities with a positive future

Potwin PRIDE Uses Partner in PRIDE (PIP) Grant for Ball Field Fence



In April, Potwin PRIDE Inc. worked with the Potwin Lions Club, recreation committee, and the city of Potwin to put up a chain link fence at the baseball field. This project will allow Potwin the opportunity to host ball tournaments in the future, which can contribute to an economic benefit for their community!

In 2013, Potwin PRIDE received a Partners in PRIDE grant of \$2,000 that was matched with money from PRIDE and the recreation committee and in kind volunteer hours. The total project was a little more than \$9,000 with the Potwin Lions Club making up the difference.

Sixteen volunteers from the organizations and others in the community spent over 2,800 hours during 11 work sessions to put up the fence. Melvina Jones of Potwin PRIDE writes: *"We were fortunate to have Bobcat with a post hole digger loaned to use to dig the 100 post holes. We unloaded a*

concrete truck in about one hour filling the post holes at one work session. At the other work sessions, we put up the top rails, stretched the fence and put up the gates. We look forward to having the slow pitch tournament at the Watermelon Festival in August with the new fence up. The Lions Club continues to raise funds at the monthly motorcycle Sunday to purchase lights for the poles that Westar Energy donated for the light project."

Congratulations to Potwin PRIDE, for the completion of a project that will contribute to their long term goals, which is to host tournaments in the future!



In upcoming months we will be recognizing sponsors of Kansas PRIDE, Inc. Westar Energy has been a continued supporter of Kansas PRIDE as one of the highest level supporters—**Partner in PRIDE**. The following is a short explanation of why Westar contributes to your community development efforts:

Westar Energy

Who do you serve?

We provide electric service to over 700,000 Kansans, including many of the PRIDE communities.

What region do you serve in Kansas?

Our service territory covers about the eastern ½ of the state.

Why did you choose to sponsor Kansas PRIDE?

Westar has been a sponsor of Kansas PRIDE for many years. Not only do many of our customers live in rural Kansas communities that PRIDE represents, but we also greatly support the efforts of assuring all Kansas communities thrive and succeed.

Thank you to Westar Energy and your continued support of Kansas PRIDE communities!

Community of Excellence Applications Due October 15, 2014

If your community has enrolled as a STAR community, or your community has recently engaged in a strategic planning process, we encourage you to apply for Community of Excellence status. Communities of Excellence are eligible apply for Partners in PRIDE grants. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#) or visit our website at: kansasprideprogram.ksu.edu/p.aspx?tabid=36

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Events Calendar

August 15, 2014—Partners in PRIDE Grant Applications are Due

October 15, 2014—Community of Excellence Essays are Due (contact PRIDE@ksu.edu for more information)

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