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State Bank of Table Rock and Community Insurance Group Donates \$10,000 to Sweet Second Home Child Care Center in Pawnee City

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The State Bank of Table Rock and Community Insurance Group have donated \$10,000 to Sweet Second Home Child Care Center in Pawnee City, owned by Amanda Niss, as part of the Nebraska Child Care Tax Credit (LB 754), a program designed to encourage support for local child care facilities. This donation will directly impact the community by helping maintain affordable child care options, keeping Pawnee City families and workforce strong.

The State of Nebraska's LB 754 Child Care Tax Credit provides a 100% tax credit for donations made to eligible child care centers. This program incentivizes local businesses to invest in the future of Nebraska communities by supporting essential child care services. As a result of this generous contribution, Sweet Second Home Child Care Center can allocate funds toward necessary repairs, maintenance, operational expenses, and rising staff costs.

"The support from State Bank of Table Rock and Community Insurance Group is invaluable for our child care center and our community," said Amanda Niss, owner of Sweet Second Home Child Care Center. "This donation allows us to continue offering affordable, high-quality care, ensuring that parents can work with the peace of mind that their children are safe and cared for. Keeping child care costs below the rates in bigger cities helps us to uplift the families in Pawnee City."

Aaron Sawyer, Economic Development Director for the Pawnee City Chamber of Commerce, played an instrumental role in facilitating the donation requests. "Investments like these demonstrate a commitment to our community's future," said Sawyer. "Affordable child care is critical for maintaining a robust workforce and supporting local economic growth. It's one of the first things potential employers check for, and losing our daycare centers would be a major blow toward recruiting new businesses." This donation will help Sweet Second Home continue providing affordable services, allowing more parents to pursue employment opportunities and build financial security for their families.

The donation from State Bank of Table Rock and Community Insurance Group underscores

their commitment to the well-being of the Pawnee City community. By supporting Sweet Second Home Child Care Center, they help ensure that Pawnee City remains a strong, vibrant, and family-friendly community for years to come.

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