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Harold K. Bengsch Fund for Greene County nears \$5,000

As a thanks for his service to our community, the Greene County Commission recently revealed the formation of a 501(c)3 nonprofit fund named after longtime Commissioner Harold Bengsch.

The Harold K. Bengsch Fund for Greene County is designed to honor County employees and provide for the preservation of the Greene County Historic Courthouse – all activities currently not possible with the use of taxpayer dollars.

The County is pleased to announce that in the two weeks since the fund was established it is close to reaching the first \$5,000 in contributions.

During the press conference revealing the fund and surprise naming, Director of Greene County Resource Management Kevin Barnes explained that many needed projects, such as the replacement of the parapet on the Greene County Historic Courthouse, are simply not possible within the County's annual budget. The new fund will help with this and other historical preservation of the 100-plus-year-old courthouse. Greene County Presiding Commissioner Bob Dixon added that the dedicated employees at the County often go unrecognized and this fund will allow for an annual employee appreciation event, as well as incentives for cost-saving programs held at the Greene County Highway Department.

Those interested in supporting the Harold K. Bengsch Fund can visit Community Foundation of the Ozarks at cfozarks.org. The fund can be chosen from a drop-down list. One-time donations as well recurring monthly gift options are available.

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Greene County is the State of Missouri's fourth most populous county, serving more than 275,000 people (2010 census). Its mission is to provide all citizens of Greene County, including those in its cities, a safe and thriving community through excellent customer service, unparalleled dedication, and the efficient use of taxpayer dollars. The Greene County Commission is the executive body of Greene County operating under guidelines established in the Revised Statutes of the State of Missouri. Within that authority the Commission enacts ordinances, resolutions and policies, supervises the activities of county departments, fixes salaries, adopts the annual budget, provides for construction and other services, and conducts hearings on planning and zoning matters.

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