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**Cargill Donation Helps Entrepreneurial Education
Reach More Students**

Youth Entrepreneurs Kansas receives \$10,000 gift

WICHITA, Kan. – Thanks to Dodge City’s Cargill there will be a few more young entrepreneurs in Southwestern Kansas. On June 14, the company made a \$10,000 donation to Youth Entrepreneurs Kansas (YEK) which will help provide students in Dodge City and Garden City with the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of free enterprise and business skills through a year long entrepreneurial class.

“We had already decided to expand YEK into Southwestern Kansas, but we didn’t know how we were going to fund it,” said Kylie Stupka, YEK Executive Director. “This generous donation will help supply the classrooms and experiential learning activities that make this program so beneficial to students. Cargill has made this expansion a reality, and we sincerely thank them for their contribution.”

Beginning in the fall, the YEK program will be available in Dodge City High School and Garden City High School. Several students have already enrolled for the 2010–2011 class—48 students in Dodge City and 24 in Garden City. The YEK curriculum works to stimulate economic thinking skills, encourage intelligent risk-taking, provide practical business expertise and instill independence and personal responsibility.

“We are proud to help bring the YEK program to students in our community” said Tom Allen, Dodge City Cargill plant manager. “These students are the area’s future leaders and business owners. Entrepreneurial education is vital to their success. ”

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About Youth Entrepreneurs Kansas (YEK)

Founded in 1991 by the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation, YEK teaches free enterprise fundamentals to high school students through hands-on experiences. The program gives students the skills and tools to start their own business or enhance their business skills for future career opportunities, as well as encourages them to continue into higher education. Funded completely by private donations, YEK is a public 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. For more information, to donate or to volunteer with YEK, please visit www.yeks.org.

Photo caption: Cargill in Dodge City recently made a \$10,000 donation to YEK. The gift will help the organization to expand its program into Southwestern Kansas. (Left to Right) Melody Head, YEK Instructor, Jacque Feist, DCHS Principal, Tom Allen, Plant Manager at Cargill and Kylie Zibell, Southwest Kansas Regional Manager for YEK.

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