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Great Bend Economic Development Announces a Ribbon Cutting and Open House for the first Advancing Barton County Childcare Center, Bright Beginnings, on May 2nd

GREAT BEND, KS – Great Bend Economic Development is thrilled to announce the upcoming ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house event at Bright Beginnings by ABCC (Advancing Barton County Childcare, Inc.), the new childcare center located at 4507 Farmers Plaza, Great Bend, KS. The ribbon cutting will commence at 10:00 am on May 2nd, followed by an open house from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We extend a warm invitation to all community members, potential applicants, parents, students, employers, and stakeholders to join us in celebrating this significant milestone.

Bright Beginnings is a state-of-the-art childcare facility designed to accommodate up to 80 children. Established by Advancing Barton County Childcare through Great Bend Economic Development, this initiative aims to address the pressing need for reliable and accessible childcare services in our community. The approximately 6,500 square-foot facility represents the first of several daycare centers to be built across Barton County, showcasing a commitment to enhancing childcare capacity throughout the region.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house event offer an opportunity for the community to witness the culmination of extensive planning and effort. Attendees will have the chance to explore the facility and learn more about the services offered at Bright Beginnings.

"We are excited to celebrate this milestone with the community," said Sara Arnberger, President of Great Bend Economic Development and Chairman of Advancing Barton County Childcare. "Bright Beginnings represents a significant investment in the well-being of our community and underscores our commitment to supporting working parents as well as our business community and their workforce needs."

The event will feature remarks from Great Bend Economic Development and Advancing Barton County Childcare, highlighting the importance of this initiative for the community's future.

"We extend our sincere appreciation to all individuals, organizations, and stakeholders who have contributed to making Bright Beginnings a reality," added Bright Beginnings Site Director, Kelsie Baxter. "Together, we are creating a family-friendly community that prioritizes the needs of all its residents."

For more information about the ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house event, please contact GBED staff by phone at 620-796-2407 or by emailing ABCC staff at admin@abccinc.org.

About GBED (Great Bend Economic Development):

The Great Bend Economic Development, Inc. is a public/private partnership focusing on the economic development efforts in Barton County, KS. Our mission is to improve the economic quality of life for working families in our community. We do this by creating jobs, through retention, recruitment, and expansion of businesses, strengthening the workforce through recruitment, education and training, improving and increasing the number of living wage jobs, and expanding the tax base through increase capital investment. For more information about GBED visit: www.gbedinc.com, call 620-796-2407. Sara Arnberger, President of Great Bend Economic Development, Inc., can be reached via email at director@gbedinc.com.

About ABCC (Advancing Barton County Childcare):

Advancing Barton County Childcare, Inc.'s mission is to provide quality, reliable, and sustainable childcare solutions to the citizens of Barton County. This organization was born from conversations with our businesses where they expressed that lack of childcare was a major barrier to hiring employees. For questions about ABCC, Inc., our partnership with GBED, please reach out online: www.abccinc.org, call 620-796-2407, or email Sara Arnberger, Board Chair of ABCC, Inc., at director@gbedinc.com.

