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EMPIRE ANNOUNCES DONATION TO FOSTERING HOPE

JOPLIN, MO – November 6, 2017 – The Empire District Electric Company will present a donation to Fostering Hope, a nonprofit organization dedicated to serving children in foster care in Southwest Missouri. The presentation will take place at 1200 Briarbrook Dr. Suite D Carl Junction, MO on November 8 at 1:00 p.m. The media is welcome to attend.

Proceeds were gathered at the annual Empire Golf Tournament which took place on October 28, at the Shifferdecker Golf Course. The tournament raised a total amount of \$6000 which will be donated to Fostering Hope during the presentation. If you're interested in making a donation to Fostering Hope, please visit <http://www.fostering-hope.com/donate/>.

Sarah Burch, Executive Director of Fostering Hope, stated, "We are so grateful to Empire District for coming alongside us in supporting our local foster care community. Fostering Hope relies on the support of our community in order to carry out our mission. Empire's donation will allow us to continue to serve foster kids and foster families in our area by providing for various needs through our Caring Closets as well as helping to fund our programs and events."

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