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**Boys Club Establishes Endowment Through  
Howard College Foundation Honoring Andries**

**BIG SPRING** – The Boys Club of Big Spring has established an endowment through the Howard College Foundation to honor their founder Bert Andries. The fund, set up during a special called meeting of the Foundation, will be used for student scholarships.

The scholarship endowment will be designated for use in both academic and vocational training programs with the large majority of the funds providing student scholarships in the trades area.

Additional funds were given to the Howard College Foundation for vocational training program development.

“We are very grateful to receive this generous gift from the Boys Club of Big Spring,” said Bruce Griffith, Howard College Foundation President. “This is just another way of investing in the students of Howard County and providing educational opportunities for them to be successful.”

Andries has remained committed to providing new opportunities and support services for Howard County since founding the Boys Club of Big Spring and the scholarship fund will allow the tradition to carry on for many years to come.

All scholarships provided through the fund will be designated for Howard County residents only.

“We wanted to use our funds to provide the most opportunities that we could for the citizens of Howard County,” said Mike Burrow, President of the Boys Club of Big Spring Board of Directors. “We felt like we couldn’t go wrong in providing new educational opportunities for students and giving them some encouragement to stay in school and to learn skills necessary to be successful in life.”

The vocational training or “Career and Technical Education” development funds will be used to purchase new equipment needed to support the building trades.

The building trades program will not only be available to the traditional college student but plans are well underway to offer the program through dual credit in the high schools as well as to the nontraditional student who may be returning to college for career development or advanced career training.

“If we can give a student just one more reason to stay in school or pursue some type of higher education, we have been successful in our mission,” said Burrow.