

## **Daffodils depict spirit of hope**

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Hope bloomed in Dawson County this year as we painted our community yellow with daffodils. The overwhelming support that Dawson County residents, businesses and other groups showed to the American Cancer Society Daffodil Days was incredible. My heartfelt appreciation goes out to everyone who participated in this campaign to help the American Cancer Society create a world with less cancer and more birthdays, where cancer never steals another year from anyone's life.

Although Daffodil Days involves giving beautiful flowers, it is really about giving hope for a future free from cancer. It is heartwarming to know that so many of our fellow residents are dedicated to fighting back against this disease. Thank you to the volunteer drivers, onsite coordinators and daffodil processors, as well as everyone who supported this year's Daffodil Days by requesting flowers for their homes and offices. Also, to the corporate sponsors and Sunshine Award donors. This year, we raised \$10,190.

Together, Dawson County and the American Cancer Society are saving lives by helping people stay well by preventing cancer or detecting it early; helping people get well by being there for them during and after a cancer diagnosis; by finding cures through investment in groundbreaking discovery; and by fighting back by rallying lawmakers to pass laws to defeat cancer and by rallying communities worldwide to join the fight.