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***Leadership Belton 2023/2024 Class Enhances Downtown Belton with the Lamp Post Mount Project***

**BELTON, TX** – The Leadership Belton 2023/2024 Class is proud to announce the completion of its *Lamp Post Mount Project*, an initiative designed to enhance downtown signage capabilities. The project involved the installation of new lamp post banner mounts and the replacement of damaged ones around Downtown Belton.

This effort was spearheaded by members of the Leadership Belton 2023/2024 Class, including Katherine Mutchler, April Williams, Alicia Jallah, Kenna Brockway, and Tiffany Marek. The project was a collaborative endeavor between the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce, the City of Belton, and the Bell County Museum.

More than **\$23,826** was raised through donations and sponsorships. The sponsors included the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Bell County Museum, City of Belton, and Extraco Banks.

The Bell County Museum played a vital role, recognizing the importance of expanded signage for downtown visibility. As a hub for local history, archaeology, and family-friendly activities, the museum regularly utilizes lamp post banners to promote its rotating exhibits and special events.

The **City of Belton** supported the project by funding the repainting of lamp posts and installation of the new mounts. Additional members of the Leadership Belton Class—Alexis Sarinana, Meredith Duke, Taylor Bean, Apple Fulton, Jennifer Hammonds, and David Borden—were also instrumental in making the project a success!

As of April 2025, the Downtown Lamp Post Mount Project has led to the purchase of **72 new mounts** and the repainting of **40 lamp posts**. These upgrades not only enhance the look and feel of downtown Belton but allow for the promotion of community wide events and unique draws to Belton.

Leadership Belton is a 10-month program sponsored by the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce that provides opportunities for participants to learn about and engage in the community through site visits, meetings and presentations with community leaders, and working on project teams. Each year community projects are selected for participants to coordinate.

For more information about the Belton Area Chamber of Commerce, visit the website at [www.BeltonChamber.com](http://www.BeltonChamber.com), call 254-939-3551, or email [info@beltonchamber.com](mailto:info@beltonchamber.com).