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16th Annual Gala & Auction
to be held December 12!!
Reserve your seats today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Grant application deadline is
October 31. For grant
guidelines and to download
the application, go to
custercountycfoundation.org.

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Fall 2020

Sustaining Membership Drive needs \$5,500 to reach it's goal!

Did you know you can now donate to our membership drive directly from your smartphone? Simply text **CCFMEMBER** to **44-321**.

As 2020 draws to a close, the Foundation is busy striving to reach our membership drive goal of \$15,000. With only three months left in 2020, we still need to raise a total of \$5,500 in membership donations. Please help us make this possible by becoming a member today!

Membership donations help the Foundation offset operating costs. Without our members the Foundation would not exist and be where it is today. In our 29 years of service, the Foundation has proudly reinvested over \$5.5 million back into Custer County! This amount would not be possible without our generous members.

A gift to the Foundation ensures we can continue our mission of charitable giving to benefit residents throughout Custer County. As a way to show our appreciation, we will publish your name in our 2021 Winter Newsletter, as well as in the 16th Annual Gala & Auction program. Your donation needs to be received, however, prior to November 9, 2020. You will also receive a window decal (pictured right) to display in your business, home, or on your vehicle. Please help us continue to tell the Custer County Foundation's story with your donation.

"Sustaining members circle together to make a difference." When we circle together, we CAN make a difference.



Yes!

I want to support the efforts of
the Custer County Foundation!

Individual • Family • Business MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000+	DIAMOND
<input type="checkbox"/> \$500-\$999	PLATINUM
<input type="checkbox"/> \$250-\$499	GOLD
<input type="checkbox"/> \$100-\$249	SILVER
<input type="checkbox"/> \$50-\$99	BRONZE
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ _____	Other Contribution



Name(s) _____
(As you would like it to appear in CCF Publications.)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I request to remain anonymous in any publications.

Please make checks payable to
Custer County Foundation & return to:
PO Box 304 • Broken Bow, NE 68822

————— *Thank You!* —————

The Custer County Foundation, Inc. is a public charity and your gift, in most cases, will qualify for a federal income tax deduction. As required by law, it is important to acknowledge that you did not receive any goods or services in exchange for this contribution.

Yanagida Challenge Goal Reached!

The Custer County Foundation is excited to announce that with the generous donations of individuals and businesses, we have met the Roy Yanagida challenge of raising \$100,000 in 2020! The \$100,000 raised by the Foundation was generously matched by Roy Yanagida and his family. At the 15th Annual Gala & Auction held on December 14, 2019, the Custer County Foundation announced an exciting gift of \$200,000 to the Custer County Foundation by the Roy Yanagida family. In addition to that gift, Roy challenged the Custer County Foundation to raise an additional \$100,000. The Yanagida Family would match every donation to the "Yanagida Challenge Match" dollar for dollar, up to a maximum of \$100,000! By reaching our goal, this challenge match raised over \$400,000!! Roy's generous donation is an unrestricted gift, allowing maximum flexibility on how the dollars can be used.

In 1991, Roy Yanagida, together with other Custer County business leaders, had the foresight to create the Custer County Foundation. Since its inception, the Custer County Foundation has distributed over \$5.5 million. This money went to Custer County students through college scholarships, and also to Custer County residents, of all ages, through grants to nonprofit organizations. Roy and his family want to ensure the Custer County Foundation can continue living up to its mission of meeting the present and future needs of the residents of Custer County. It is Roy's vision to ensure that the Foundation continues to have a positive impact upon the youth and other worthy organizations in Custer County.

The Foundation would like to thank Roy Yanagida and his family for this amazing gift, as well as to everyone who helped us reach our goal. This gift will benefit Custer County residents for generations!

Though the goal has been met, and the matching donation has been made by the Yanagida family, all tax-deductible donations are still welcome!



16th Annual Gala & Auction to be held December 12!

The 16th Annual Gala & Auction is quickly approaching! We are excited to announce the theme this year -- "MASK-uerade!" Mark your calendars for **December 12, 2020**. Tickets are on sale **NOW!** Call our office at **308-872-2232** to reserve your tickets today! Don't miss out on this evening of fun while raising money to benefit the residents of Custer County.

The evening will feature both live and silent auctions, exciting raffles, games, and a wonderful meal. Skeeter Barnes will once again be catering this event.

Proceeds from our annual auction are awarded to Custer County organizations in the form of grants and nontraditional scholarships to area students. If you cannot attend, and still want to help support the Foundation, please consider donating a live or silent auction item or making a monetary donation. For your convenience, a sponsorship form has been included in this newsletter. The attached form may also be used to make dinner reservations. Once completed, please return the form to the Foundation office, or to any board member, to show your support for the 16th Annual Gala & Auction. Contact information for the board members can be found on the back cover.

CUSTER COUNTY FOUNDATION

**Enter for a chance to
WIN OR WIN**

A POLARIS SIDE X SIDE A \$6,500 TRAVEL VOUCHER WITH \$1,000 CASH!

Raffle Tickets \$50/each Only 300 tickets available!

Thank You!

Made possible by the Custer County Foundation Ag Boosters and Ag-Land ATV POLARIS

The Foundation will raffle off the winner's choice of a new Polaris Ranger OR a \$6,500 travel voucher with \$1,000 cash. For only \$50, you can buy a chance at winning this hard-working, smooth-riding, utility vehicle OR a fabulous vacation to the destination of your choice. Only 300 tickets will be sold, so purchase yours today before it is too late! Thanks to AgLand ATV and the Custer County Foundation Ag Boosters for sponsoring this raffle!

The ever-popular Heads or Tails game will once again be featured at this year's Gala. A CASH prize will be awarded to the winner! Keys will also be available for purchase to unlock some great cash prizes.

Just a reminder... Tickets for the dinner and raffle items sell quickly, so call the Foundation office at 308-872-2232 to purchase your tickets TODAY!

Due to the current pandemic, in the event the gala is not held and you have already purchased tickets, you may use that as a donation or contact the Foundation office for a refund. An online auction will take place if the Gala has to be cancelled. Please follow us on social media or visit our website to stay up to date on changes to the Gala. We will also be posting "sneak peeks" of this year's auction items.

Fall Grant Deadline October 31!

The goal of the Custer County Foundation is to improve the quality of life in the Custer County area by supporting the needs of its communities. One way the Foundation strives to achieve this goal is through the grants program. Any nonprofit group, that falls under the guidelines of the Foundation's grant policy, can apply for a grant from the Custer County Foundation. Grants have been awarded in the areas of arts, community service, law enforcement and drug awareness, recreation, and youth activities. To review the criteria or download the application, please visit the Foundation's website at custercountyfoundation.org, select Grants and then Grant Guidelines from the drop-down menu. Please note that the grant criteria has recently been updated. The current grant deadline is fast approaching, so we urge you to submit your completed grant application soon. Remember, the grant application deadline for this cycle is October 31st. Please call the Foundation office at 308-872-2232 with any questions.



Tuffy Winberg Memorial BBQ received a grant for help with the Free Pit BBQ.

Planned Giving

Let's talk Planned Giving! Planned Giving means making a plan to ensure your loved ones are taken care of after you are gone, and that is sure to be a feeling of excitement! It also gives you an opportunity to take care of your favorite non-profits. You may not realize it, but the non-profits you have been supporting for years (like your yearly donation to the food pantry or monthly donations to your church) have grown to not only appreciate your donation, but count on it. How will your passing affect that non-profit? Will they struggle to make ends meet without your generosity? Here at the Custer County Foundation, we are truly missing one of our loyal membership donors. Not only do we miss her personally, and the relationship we established with her, but, from a financial standpoint, we miss her support. We all know that family and loved ones come first, but there are ways to also support your favorite charities. This may actually benefit your loved ones by making use of tax strategies with your gift. If you decide to include a non-profit in your planned giving it is important to inform the non-profit of your gift, then your wishes are fully understood and can be carried out as you desire. You should always consult your own tax, legal and accounting advisors before engaging in any transaction.

Planned Giving Example: Leroy Anderson passed away in 2002. He included the Custer County Foundation in his Will. He wanted to establish an Endowed, Field of Interest Fund to provide financial assistance to unfunded, off-campus activities and field trips for Broken Bow High School students. Since his passing, Leroy has helped fund over \$27,735 for off-campus activities or field trips. The great thing about Leroy's bequest is he chose to have his donation go into an Endowed Fund. The principal will remain intact and only the interest will be used. This allows his gift to last forever! **What a great legacy!** You can even establish an Endowed Fund at CCF to make those monthly/yearly donations for you. You can continue to give to those organizations you have always supported, or come up with a new one like Leroy did, the choice is yours!

How can we help you?

- I would like to receive more information about your **Planned Giving** options.
- I have already included the Custer County Foundation in my Will and would like to be included in your Legacy Society publication materials.
- I have already included the Custer County Foundation in my Will and would like to remain anonymous.

Names: _____

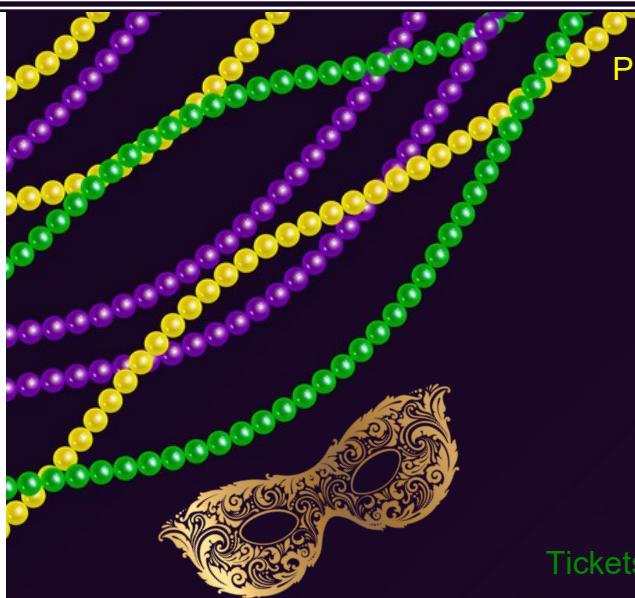
Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

The best way to contact me is by:

- E-Mail: _____
- Phone: _____
- Mail





Please join us for the Custer County Foundation's
16th Annual Gala & Auction.

MASK-uerade

Save the Date

December 12, 2020
One Box Convention Center
5:00 p.m. Social Hour/Silent Auction
6:15 p.m. Dinner
7:00 p.m. Live Auction

Tickets on Sale October 1st at Custer County Foundation

"MASK-uerade" Dinner, Live Auction, and Silent Auction:

Local businesses & individuals are asked to donate live or silent auction items. Attendees have the opportunity to bid on silent auction items during the evening. We urge you to come early and socialize with your friends and colleagues during the silent auction. Other featured items will be auctioned off as live items. Below you will see the many options available to support the Gala & Auction. *Please note: An online auction will take place if the Gala is cancelled.*

I wish to donate an auction item:

Auction Item _____

Retail Value of Item \$ _____ The retail value will be the amount on the donor receipt.

I wish to be a "Friend of the Foundation" and underwrite an auction item. Donation enclosed.

I wish to be a Wine Bar sponsor (sponsorship starts at \$100). Donation enclosed.

I wish to be an Ag Booster sponsor (sponsorship starts at \$500, with two dinner tickets included.)
Donation enclosed.

Number of Dinner Tickets _____ @ \$60/person = _____

Tables are available for parties of 10 or parties of 16 Table _____

Cash or Check (enclosed) _____ Call with Credit Card Number _____

Donor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

I would like to be listed as an anonymous donor.

*Please contact the Foundation office or a board member if you have questions on how you can support the Foundation's 16th Annual Gala & Auction.

Donation must be received by November 9th to appear in the program.

This annual event has proven to be extremely successful because of the support of individuals and businesses like you! Thank you!

Proceeds will be incorporated into the funds of the Foundation and returned to the community in the form of grants and scholarships. The Custer County Foundation's status as a 501(c)3 public charity ensures that contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible to the highest extent allowed by the Internal Revenue Code.

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The Custer County Foundation's Annual Gala and Auction has been a tremendous success over the past 15 years. We owe a big "thank you" to you and other donors for that success. In 2019, the Foundation distributed over \$570,000 in grants, scholarships, and program support.

Scholarships:

Custer County Students	88,850
Non-traditional Students	500

Elderly Services:

Callaway Good Life Center	4,400
Prairie Pioneer Center	2,500

Arts/Culture:

Arnold Community Theater	2,000
Vissi d'Arte Club	300

Community Service

Ansley Fire Department	1,600
Broken Bow Fire Department	6,000
Broken Bow Library Foundation	2,000
Broken Bow Lions Club	4,613
Broken Bow Ministerial Association	13,800
Callaway Housing Corporation	3,000
Custer Co. Local Emergency Planning Comm.	300
Grants from 4R County	4,200
Healing Hearts & Families	11,419
Merna Fire Department	250
Merna Heritage Days	1,900

Economic Development:

Custer Economic Development Corporation	6,000
Sargent Chamber of Commerce	125

Youth Services:

Anselmo-Merna Dance Team	500
Anselmo-Merna Elementary School	3,000
Anselmo-Merna Parent Teacher Organization	800
Anselmo-Merna Public Schools	2,500
Ansley FFA	1,200
Ansley Village Teachers Organization	1,100
Broken Bow Backpack Program	4,381
Broken Bow Booster Club	400
Broken Bow FBLA	1,000
Broken Bow HOSA Chapter	1,200
Broken Bow Music Boosters	13,770
Broken Bow Public Schools	475
Broken Bow Skills USA	1,000
Children's Christmas Fund	10,000
Custer County CAPABLE Corp	3,250
Food 4 Youth	3,727
Grants from Leroy Anderson Estate	18,698
Grants from A-M Foundation	108,950
Grants from Ansley Village Teachers Org	4,233
Grants from BBPS Foundation	4,726
Grants from Broken Bow Beef Boosters	1,791
Grants from Bulldog Education Foundation	7,314
Grant from Caring Community Closet	446
Grants from S-E-M School Foundation	10,550
Grants from S-E-M Scholars	1,800
Grants from Spartan Youth Activities	12,503
Grants from Sumner Alumni Association	9,000
Post Prom	6,300
Sargent Public Schools	40
Spartan VIP After School	500
Super Kids Club	8,500

Special Projects:

Comstock Community Garden	700
Custer County 4-H	205
Custer County 4-H Livestock Auction	500
Custer County Classic Bull Riding	500
Custer County Flood Relief Efforts	145,317
Custer County Tractor Ride	150
Ducks Unlimited	250
Gates Cemetery Board	1,000
Heartland Council	2,500
Hereditary Neurological Disease Center Inc.	100
Hero Flight	2,526
Nebraska Conservative Education Fund	300
Nebraska Junior High Rodeo	550
Nebraska One Box Pheasant Hunt	1,500
Nebraska One Box Shooting Complex	1,275
Orphan Grain Train	100
Rettssyndrome	200
Thedford Community Foundation	250
Tuffy Winberg Free Pit BBQ	9,659

Recreation:

Broken Bow Cosmos Swim Team	40
Broken Bow Junior Golf	1,300
Broken Bow Optimist Club	250
Broken Bow Traveling Dance Team	200
Diamond Youth Organization	3,696

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Planning Our Future.”

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Our Mission

The Custer County Foundation is a non-profit community trust which is structured to seek out, receive, and administer funds to meet the present and future needs of the residents of Custer County. The funds are administered in the areas of health, arts and culture, social welfare, environment, education, and civics.

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