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Merna ♦ Oconto  
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Grant application deadline is  
October 31. For grant  
guidelines and to download  
the application, go to  
[custercountyfoundation.org](http://custercountyfoundation.org).

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Summer 2023

**Custer County Foundation Awards \$64,910 in Grants!**

The Custer County Foundation reviewed grant requests for the period ending April 30, 2023, and they are awarding a total of \$64,910 to 22 Custer County organizations.

**7 Valley Kids - \$6,000:** To provide outdoor playground equipment and indoor tables and chairs.

**Anselmo-Merna Public Schools - \$3,000:** To help purchase tables and chairs for the school library.

**Anselmo-Merna Youth Football - \$1,000:** To help purchase helmets for the youth football program.

**Ansley Rural Fire Protection District #1 - \$4,200:** To help purchase protective equipment and gear.

**Arnold Public Schools - \$3,000:** To help with equipment for the weight room.

**Broken Bow Library Foundation - \$1,210:** To help with the summer reading program.

**Broken Bow Police Department - \$1,000:** To help with equipment for an 8<sup>th</sup> officer.

**Broken Bow Swim Club - \$2,100:** To help purchase competition lane ropes.

**Broken Bow Township Cemetery - \$2,000:** To help with gravestones for unmarked graves.

**Callaway Good Life Center - \$1,000:** To help with a wheelchair scale.

**Central Nebraska Interact #225704 - \$5,000:** To help revitalize the Arnold Recreation Pond with fountains.

**Comstock Rural Fire District \$7,500:** To help with a LifePak Cardiac Device.

**Custer County Childcare Association - \$500:** To help purchase toys for the toy lending library.

**Custer County Children's Theater Association - \$1,500:** To help with the Missoula Children's Theater.

**Dog Gone Fun 4-H Club - \$400:** To help with rally for the 4-h dog club.

**Gates Cemetery Board - \$2,000:** To help with the brick column entrance.

**Merna Emergency Medical Services - \$5,000:** To help with Stair-PRO stair chair.

**Muddy Creek Celebration - \$500:** To purchase a sound/PA system.

**Prairie Pioneer Center - \$1,500:** To help with the interior and exterior painting of their building.

**Sargent Ambulance - \$7,500:** To help purchase Power Load.

**Sargent Township Library - \$500:** To help with a lamppost.

**Village of Callaway - \$10,000:** To help with a new aquatic facility.

The next grant application period ends October 31, 2023. Applications may be accessed online at [www.custercountyfoundation.org](http://www.custercountyfoundation.org).



## Preliminary Numbers Show Give 4 Custer County Raises \$201,599!



GIVE 4 CUSTER COUNTY was a fundraising campaign to grow philanthropy and inspire communities to come together to support the work of nonprofits in Custer County. Twenty-nine nonprofit organizations signed up to participate and held their own fundraisers. The participating nonprofits and donors really came together and raised an impressive amount of money in such a short time. Donations were accepted June 15 through June 30th.

The Custer County Foundation will provide \$50,000 in matching funds to the Give 4 Custer County participating nonprofits. The match pool will be distributed proportionately to participating nonprofits based upon the total amount raised by each organization. The proportional share will be based on the total dollars raised by the individual participating organization in relation to total dollars raised by all participating organizations. These totals are still being finalized.

With the matching dollars added to the total raised by the participating organizations, the preliminary total is over \$250,000!! Thank you to all the donors and nonprofits for making this event such a huge success! Below is a list of the organizations that signed up to participate.

Anselmo Merna Foundation  
 Arnold Area Historical Society  
 BPOE Broken Bow Elks Lodge 1688  
 Broken Bow Area Rotary  
 Broken Bow Backpack Program  
 Broken Bow Library Foundation  
 Broken Bow Police Department K9  
 Broken Bow PTA  
 Callaway District Hospital Foundation  
 Callaway Good Life Center  
 Comstock Community Garden (C.A.R.E.)  
 Custer Care  
 Custer County Ag Society/Custer County Fairgrounds  
 Custer County DYO/Spirit/BB American Legion  
 Custer County Fair BBQ

Finch Memorial Library  
 Friends of the Sargent Library  
 Gates Cemetery  
 Healing Hearts & Families  
 Merna Volunteer Fire Department  
 Nebraska One Box  
 Santa Cop  
 Sargent Area Economic Development  
 Sargent Swimming Pool  
 Spartan Foundation  
 Super Kids Club, Inc.  
 TeamMates of Broken Bow  
 Veterans Memorial Board/VFW/American Legion Building  
 Veterans Memorial Wall at Anselmo

## Give 4 Custer County Event Photos



The Broken Bow Library Foundation hosted a Picnic at the library to raise money during Give 4 Custer County.



Arnold Area Historical Society Committee Members pictured at their Chicken and Noodles Dinner Fundraiser.

## Foundation Receives Grant from BNSF Railway Foundation

The Custer County Foundation is pleased to announce it has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the BNSF Railway Foundation. These grant funds will be used to help with the Foundation's Exterior Building Repair Project.

The building that houses the Custer County Foundation's office is a beautiful building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It has been the home of the Foundation for over 30 years and has served us well. However, as with many historic buildings, it needs many repairs. The exterior of the Foundation building is in major need of masonry work. All terra cotta masonry on the north and east side of the Foundation needs to be repaired. Many areas have defective joints which have missing, badly deteriorated, or broken mortar joints, just to name the major points.



Other work to be done includes sealing movement cracks, caulking all copings, sill and weatherable joints. If the Foundation doesn't make these masonry repairs soon, the building will continue to deteriorate from the outside-in. The outside walls are at risk of cracking as moisture seeps in through open bricks and joints.

Andrew Tickle, the President of the Board of Directors, expressed gratitude for the generous grant provided by the BNSF Railway Foundation. "The funds will be instrumental in repairing the exterior of our building. It is crucial that we maintain the building to prevent damage from outside elements so it can be here for years to come."

To contribute to the Exterior Building Repair Project, kindly send your donations to the Custer County Foundation at PO Box 304, Broken Bow, NE 68822, and include "Building Project" in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

## Sustaining Membership

We are well on our way to reaching our 2023 goal of **\$20,000!** Thank you for any support you have given! Please help us meet our goal by becoming a member today. Both businesses and individuals are encouraged to take this important step which is vital to the future of your community and Custer County.

A gift to the Foundation ensures we can continue our mission of charitable giving to benefit the residents throughout Custer County. As a way to recognize your generous support, we will publish your name in our 2024 Winter Newsletter. Your name will also appear in our 19th Annual Gala & Auction program.

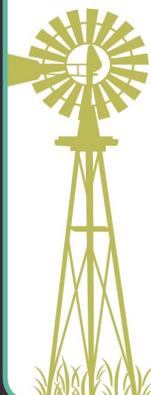
**When we circle together,  
we CAN make a difference!**

The success of the Foundation is a direct reflection of our generous supporters. Donations from our valuable members allow us to perform daily activities that create opportunities for a greater impact.



The Foundation thrives today because of past and present Custer County residents who have a strong desire to give back to communities where they have lived, prospered, worked and played. Please consider becoming a Sustaining Member today. Thank you!

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



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**MEMBERSHIP LEVELS**

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*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.



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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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