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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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SAVE THE DATE

19th Annual Gala & Auction
to be held December 9!!
Reserve your seats today!



Office Hours:
Monday through Friday
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Fall 2023



Sustaining Membership Drive needs \$4,500 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 2023 draws to a close, the Foundation is busy striving to reach our membership drive goal of \$20,000. With only three months left in 2023, we still need to raise a total of \$4,500 in membership donations. Please help make this possible by becoming a member today!

Sustaining membership donations help the Foundation offset operating costs. Without our members, the Foundation would not exist and be where it is today. In our 32 years of service, the Foundation has proudly reinvested over \$6.7 million back into Custer County! Thank you to our generous members for making this possible!

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 2024 Winter Newsletter, as well as in the 19th Annual Gala & Auction program. To be included in the Gala program, your donation needs to be received prior to November 9, 2023. You will also receive a window decal (pictured right) to display in your business, home, or on your vehicle. Please help 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
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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.

19th Annual Gala & Auction to be held December 9!

The 19th Annual Gala & Auction is quickly approaching! We are excited to announce the theme this year -- "Viva Las Vegas!" Mark your calendars for **December 9, 2023**. 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. "Jubilee Events & Catering" will 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.

Contact information for our board members can be found on the back cover.

The Foundation is also having a Raffle for the winner's choice of a new Polaris Ranger OR an \$8,000 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 350 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

CUSTER COUNTY FOUNDATION

Enter for a chance to
WIN OR WIN

A POLARIS SIDE x SIDE

Raffle Tickets
\$50/each

Only 350 tickets available!

Thank You!



**\$8,000 TRAVEL VOUCHER
WITH \$1,000 CASH!**

Made possible by the Custer County
Foundation Ag Boosters and

**AgLand
ATV
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Guests at the 2022 Gala compete for \$500 cash during the Heads or Tails game.

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! Also, be sure to "like" our Facebook page, as we will be posting "sneak peeks" of this year's auction items.

Fall Grant Deadline is 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. So far in 2023, the Foundation has awarded \$64,910 in grant funds to Custer County organizations.

Grant funds come from the proceeds of the annual Gala and Auction held in December. 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.



Broken Bow swim club received \$2,100 for competition lane ropes.



7 Valley kids received \$6,000 for playground equipment.

Spring Grant Recipient Photos



Broken Bow Library received \$1,210 for the summer reading program.



Callaway Good Life Center received \$8,500 for a new wheel chair scale and new furnace and ductwork.



Prairie Pioneer Center received \$1,500 for interior and exterior paint.



Merna EMS received \$5,000 for a Stair-PRO stair chair.

VIVA LAS VEGAS

Custer County Foundation *Gala* 2023



Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023

One Box Convention Center - Broken Bow, NE

5pm Social Hour/Silent Auction

6:15pm Dinner | 7pm Live Auction!

Tickets available Oct. 1

Ask to reserve tables of 10 or 16!

Call today! 308-872-2232

"VIVA LAS VEGAS" 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.

MY DONATION:

___ 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 or the event.

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 _____ @ \$65/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.

***Donation must be received by November 6th to appear in the program.**



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 Board of Directors will use their discretion to determine which items are live auction items.

The Custer County Foundation's Annual Gala and Auction has been a tremendous success over the past 18 years. We owe a big "thank you" to you and other donors for that success. In 2022, the Foundation distributed over \$655,000 in grants, scholarships, and program support.

Scholarships:

Custer County Students	118,850
Non-traditional Students	2,500
Total = \$121,350	

Elderly Services:

Prairie Pioneer Center	5,999
The Den	3,000
Total = \$8,999	

Arts/Culture:

Callaway Public Schools	3,000
Total = \$3,000	

Youth Services:

Arnold Public Schools	3,227
Broken Bow Backpack Program	8,500
Broken Bow Public Schools	17,092
Broken Bow Wrestling Room	2,400
Callaway Public Schools	3,000
Grants from A-M Foundation	65,361
Grants from Bulldog Education Foundation	25,643
Grants from Caring Community Closet	80
Grants from Children's Christmas Fund	16,000
Grants from Optimist Club	750
Grants from S-E-M Foundation	10,250
Grants from Spartan Foundation	64,590
Grants from Sumner Alumni Association	3,000
Grants from S-E-M Scholars	400
Grants from United Methodist Church	2,600
Little Lights Preschool	5,847
Mid Plains Community College	680
Santa Cop	2,487
Super Kids Club	1,833

Total = \$233,740

Recreation:

Village of Ansley	6,500
Total = \$6,500	

Community Service

Ansley Rural Fire Protection District 1	3,000
Broken Bow Ministerial Association	5,000
Broken Bow Rural Fire District	10,000
Broken Bow Volunteer Fire Dept	12,774
Callaway Volunteer Fire Dept	17,500
Gates Cemetery	450
Healing Hearts & Families	12,000
Mason City Fire & EMS	6,750
Merna Volunteer Fire Dept	9,400
Oconto Legion Post 250	1,244
Sandhills Fire Relief	4,909
Sandhills Scenic Byway	1,000
Sargent Pool	10,875
Sargent Rural Fire District	11,100
Tuffy Winberg Free Pit BBQ	11,597
Women for Veterans	3,000

Total = \$120,599

Special Projects:

Ansley Walking Trail	7,000
Big Sky Jubilee	1,400
Callaway Disaster Fund	990
Custer County Fire Relief	57,582
Grants from Donor Advised Funds	80,600
Grant from Heartland Council	2,500
Muddy Creek Celebration	1,400
Nebraska Ladies One Box Board	21,200
Print Zutavern Mental Health Initiatives	3,908

Total = \$176,580



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Custer County Foundation!



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Living Up to Our Motto:
"Preserving Our Heritage...
Planning Our Future."

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donation.



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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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