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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

18th Annual Gala & Auction
to be held December 10!!
Reserve your seats today!



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

Email: CusterFoundation@msn.com
Phone: 308-872-2232
Online: custercountyfoundation.org



Sustaining Membership Drive needs \$6,100 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 2022 draws to a close, the Foundation is busy striving to reach our membership drive goal of \$20,000. With only three months left in 2022, we still need to raise a total of \$6,100 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 31 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 2023 Winter Newsletter, as well as in the 18th Annual Gala & Auction program. To be included in the Gala program, your donation needs to be received prior to November 9, 2022. 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

- \$1,000+ **DIAMOND**
- \$500-\$999 **PLATINUM**
- \$250-\$499 **GOLD**
- \$100-\$249 **SILVER**
- \$50-\$99 **BRONZE**
- \$ _____ 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.

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. So far in 2022, the Foundation has awarded \$49,125 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.

Spring Grant Recipient Photos



Have you ever considered a gift of grain?

There are many different ways that people give to the Custer County Foundation. Some give through general membership donations, some give through bequests in their Wills. And now we have another option of how to give and that is by donating GRAIN.

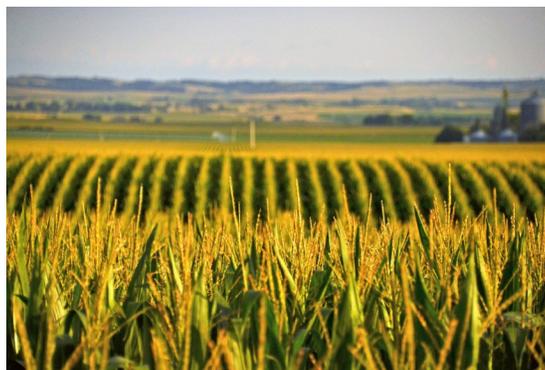
Have you ever considered making a gift of grain? Farmers who make charitable gifts of grain through a local community foundation are able to take advantage of tax savings and we wanted to share this opportunity with you.

When an agriculture producer transfers legal ownership of the commodity to a charity before it is sold, the producer will not have taxable income from the sale, thus minimizing taxes. Tax savings may be realized on the federal income tax, state income tax and self-employment tax, depending on the producer's specific circumstances. The producer is still able to deduct all the production costs for tax purpose. We, of course, recommend that you visit with your tax professional FIRST to see if donating grain will work for your situation.

When you take your grain to the elevator, tell the grain elevator to issue a storage receipt in the name of the Custer County Foundation. The storage receipt is evidence that ownership of the grain was transferred from the Farmer to the Foundation. Because Custer County Foundation is the owner of the grain following your gift, the producer may not instruct the elevator to sell the grain.

If you decide to donate grain to the Custer County Foundation, you can designate how those funds should be used. You also have the option of making an unrestricted donation, where the Foundation Board of Directors would decide the best use of the funds, whether it be for scholarships for non-traditional students or maybe even the Grants Fund. The Custer County Foundation keeps your donation LOCAL!

Please visit with your tax advisor to see if donating grain will work for your situation. If it will, please consider donating a gift of grain to the Custer County Foundation.



18th Annual Gala & Auction to be held December 10!

The 18th Annual Gala & Auction is quickly approaching! We are excited to announce the theme this year -- "Winter By Starlight!" Mark your calendars for **December 10, 2022**. 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. "Around the Block" will be catering this event.

CUSTER COUNTY FOUNDATION

Enter for a chance to
WIN OR WIN

A POLARIS SIDE x SIDE  **\$8,000 TRAVEL VOUCHER WITH \$1,000 CASH!**

Raffle Tickets \$50/each
Only 350 tickets available!

Thank You!



Made possible by the Custer County Foundation Ag Boosters and

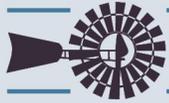


Proceeds from our annual auction are awarded to Custer County organizations in the form of grants and nontraditional scholarships to area students. If you cannot attend, and still want to help support the Foundation, please consider donating a live or silent auction item or making a monetary donation. 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 a \$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 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.



Custer County Foundation

WINTER BY

Starlight

2022 GALA • DEC. 10

One Box Convention Center • Broken Bow, NE

5:00 p.m. Social Hour/Silent Auction

6:15 p.m. Dinner

7:00 p.m. Live Auction

Tickets available Oct. 1

Call 308-872-2232

Dinner Tickets \$60/person

Table of 10 \$600 • Table of 16 \$960

“WINTER BY STARLIGHT” 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 _____ @ \$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.



Donation must be received by November 9th 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's Annual Gala and Auction has been a tremendous success over the past 17 years. We owe a big "thank you" to you and other donors for that success. In 2021, the Foundation distributed over \$746,424 in grants, scholarships, and program support.

Scholarships:

Custer County Students 113,850
 Total = \$113,850

Elderly Services:

Callaway Good Life Center 2,200
 Seven Valleys Senior Center 2,500
 Total = \$4,700

Arts/Culture:

Arnold Community Center 2,000
 Custer County Children's Theater Assoc. 1,500
 Total = \$3,500

Community Service

Ansley Rural Fire Protection District 1 7,500
 Arnold Community Center 15,000
 Broken Bow Area Rotary 450
 Broken Bow Police Department 1,500
 Custer County Sheriff K9 Unit 841
 Oconto Rural Fire Department 7,500
 Oconto Rural Fire Board 35,000
 Tuffy Winberg Free Pit BBQ 11,730
 Women for Veterans 3,000
 Total = \$82,521

Economic Development:

Village of Mason City 2,000
 Total = \$2,000

Youth Services:

Anselmo-Merna Public Schools 4,500
 Broken Bow Backpack Program 5,000
 Broken Bow Beef Boosters 505
 Broken Bow Library Foundation 2,545
 Broken Bow Public Schools 4,400
 Callaway Education Foundation 1,000
 Custer County Backpack Programs 6,500
 Central Plains Center for Services 3,000
 Grants from A-M Foundation 50,042
 Broken Bow Backpack Program 3,500
 Grants from Bulldog Education Foundation 5,000
 Grants from Caring Community Closet 180
 Grants from Children's Christmas Fund 16,000
 Grants from S-E-M Foundation 10,000
 Grants from Spartan Foundation 40,890
 Grants from Sumner Alumni Association 5,000
 Grants from S-E-M Scholars 2,300
 New Discoveries Preschool 500
 Spartan Foundation 3,500

Special Projects:

Give 4 Custer County 213,759
 Grants from Donor Advised Funds 121,911
 Nebraska Ladies One Box Board 18,903
 Print Zutavern Mental Health Initiatives 2,948
 Total = \$357,521

Recreation:

Diamond Youth Organization 13,470
 Seven Valleys Rodeo Association 4,500
 Total = \$17,970

Total = \$164,362



Thank you for supporting the
 Custer County Foundation!



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"Preserving Our Heritage...
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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