



**Serving the residents of
Custer County since
1991**

Anslemo ♦ Ansley
Arnold ♦ Berwyn
Broken Bow ♦ Callaway
Comstock ♦ Mason City
Merna ♦ Oconto
Sargent ♦ Westerville

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention Custer County
Residents, the deadline to
apply for Flood Relief
Assistance is

August 1, 2019!

To download the application,
go to
custercountyfoundation.org.

Inside this Issue:

Flood Relief:	2
Spring Into Giving:	3
Sustaining Members:	3



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



Custer County Foundation Awards \$43,300 in grants!

The Custer County Foundation reviewed grant requests for the period ending April 30, 2019 and is awarding a total of \$43,300 to 12 Custer County organizations. The Foundation Grants committee recommended, and the Board of Directors approved, the following awards:

- **Ansley Rural Fire Protection District #1:** \$1,600 to help purchase protective gear.
- **Broken Bow Area Rotary:** \$3,500 to help with the implementation of the Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP).
- **Broken Bow Junior Golf:** \$1,300 to help supply Starting New at Golf kits.
- **Broken Bow Library Foundation:** \$1,000 to help with the summer reading program.
- **Broken Bow Public Schools:** \$5,000 to help provide STEM related equipment for the STEM focused library remodel.
- **Callaway Public Schools:** \$1,500 to help purchase welders for Agriculture Education.
- **Callaway Rural Fire Board:** \$10,000 to help purchase a pumper/tanker truck.
- **Custer County Ag Society:** \$10,000 to help with the addition of the park restrooms at the fairgrounds.
- **Custer County Diamond Youth Organization:** \$4,000 to help install protective overhead dugout coverings at Melham Complex.
- **Custer County Economic Development Corporation:** \$2,500 to help develop a workforce development webpage for the CAPS program.
- **Diaper Depot:** \$1,000 to help provide diapers and wipes.
- **Merna Heritage Days:** \$1,900 to provide equipment and supplies for Merna Heritage Days.

The next grant application period ends October 31, 2019. Applications may be accessed online at www.custercountyfoundation.org.



Flood Fund

Custer County experienced a devastating flood on March 13th causing widespread damage throughout the county and state. In response to the devastation, the Custer County Foundation established a flood relief fund to assist Custer County residents. Individuals, businesses, and Foundations responded and have generously donated over **\$126,000!** The Foundation received donations from twenty-three different states, twenty-two different communities throughout the state of Nebraska, and processed over 200 donation entries. We are grateful for the overwhelming response and appreciate the generosity so many have shown.

Here are some great examples of local businesses making a difference through creative fundraising efforts.

- Lillie Kate Boutique and Triple Blessed Boutique designed and sold Nebraska Strong t-shirts and donated the profits to the flood fund.
- One Box Convention Center hosted “Karaoke for a Cause.”
- Kinkaid Brewing Company donated \$4 for every 4-County Pale Ale Pint sold until they reached \$4,000.
- Callaway FFA donated money from their coin war to the flood fund.
- Sargent Area Bible School participants brought offerings to Bible School.
- Nebraska State Bank donated their jeans money from April and May.
- Grocery Kart offered a matching challenge and matched their customers donations.
- Ansley Lumber & Supply donated a percentage of their sales to the flood fund.



Flood Assistance Application Deadline August 1, 2019!

Attention Custer County Residents, the **deadline to apply for Flood Relief Assistance is August 1, 2019!** Applications must be turned into Central Nebraska Community Action Partnership (CNCAP) on or before August 1, 2019. Invoices must be submitted by September 1, 2019. The Custer County Foundation (CCF) is partnering with CNCAP to provide monetary assistance to Custer County residents who experienced personal and agriculture loss due to the flooding that hit our county. Up to \$1,000/household is available.

Financial assistance is available for the following areas: clean-up of a residence; hotel/displacement; sheet rock/paint/flooring; heating/ac/water heater; propane tank damage; well repair/treatment; counseling services; fence posts; barb wire; livestock feed; veterinarian bill; milk replacer; colostrum; hay; gravel; dirt.

Custer County residents seeking assistance will fill out a simple 1-page application and schedule an appointment with CNCAP. Go to www.CusterCountyFoundation.org and look for the “Click Here for Flood Relief Information” button to download the application. The deadline to apply for assistance is August 1. Call CCF at 308-872-2232 or CNCAP at 308-872-6013 with questions.



Spring Into Giving

The Custer County Foundation is proud to announce over \$10,000 was raised during the second year of hosting a Retail Day of Giving! Becton Dickinson generously donated a \$5,000 matching gift. The tremendous support of the participating businesses was amazing. The funds raised will be directed toward the grants fund at the Foundation to be distributed out to local nonprofits. Looking outside the businesses, the day would not have been possible without those patrons who shopped at these local participating businesses. Below please find a list of those businesses who participated. THANK YOU to everyone who helped make this event a success.

Agri-Best Feeds
Ansley Lumber & Supply
Arrow Seed Co, Inc.
Betsysbling
Boarders Inn & Suites
Bow Booterie
Bow Family Furniture
Broken Bow Legends Neighborhood Grill
Callaway Market
Callaway True Value
Chapin's Furniture
Cobblestone Hotel & Suites
Dairy Queen

Dale Lane Engraving & Design
Eggleston Oil
Evans Feed Co., Inc.
Forget-Me-Not Shoppe
Gallery: Art & Creativity Center
Geared4Sports
Holcomb Pharmacy
Kirk's Appliance
Lillie Kate Boutique
Mills Hardware
Palmer Monument
Pizza Hut
Reed's Food Center Inc
Runza

Rustic Divas Home Décor & More
Sargent Corner Market
Sargent Packing Co.
Shotgun Annie's Saloon
The Garden Center
The Good Life ~ Therapeutic Bodywork
Third Season Boutique
Tiffany Theater
Triple Blessed Boutique
Tumbleweed Café
Wenquist, Inc.

Sustaining Members

We are well on our way in reaching our 2019 goal of **\$25,000!** 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 2020 Winter Newsletter. Your name will also appear in our 15th Annual Gala & Auction program.

The success of the Foundation is a direct reflection of our generous supporters. Donations from our valuable members allow us to perform daily activities which, in turn, 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!

**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.



P.O. Box 304
Broken Bow, NE 68822

PRST STD
US POSTAGE PAID
BROKEN BOW NE
PERMIT NO 30

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

Custer County Foundation, Inc.

Officers:

President: Chris Smith, Broken Bow;
308-872-6467

Vice-President: Jami Anderson, Broken Bow;
308-870-0735

Secretary: Deb Girardin, Broken Bow;
308-870-4242

Treasurer: Alicia Hermsmeyer, Ansley;
402-631-7577

Board of Directors:

Cory Beran, Sargent; 308-215-0065

Brett Eggleston, Oconto; 308-325-1154

Karen Evans, Berwyn; 308-870-0435

Julianna Jenkins, Callaway; 308-836-2440

Julie Johnson, Broken Bow; 308-870-1117

Todd Lundstrom, Broken Bow; 308-767-2405

Guy Mills, Jr, Ansley; 308-732-3419

Jami Myers, Broken Bow; 308-872-5469

Neal Neth, Broken Bow; 308-870-3039

Craig Safranek, Merna; 308-643-2666

Andrew Tickle, Arnold; 308-529-1919

Executive Director:

Lindsay Divan, Broken Bow; 308-627-2198

Office Assistant:

Lisa Bell, Broken Bow; 308-872-6177

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.

**CUSTER COUNTY
FOUNDATION, INC.**
403 S. 9TH AVENUE
P.O. BOX 304
BROKEN BOW, NE 68822

Phone: 308-872-2232
E-mail: CusterFoundation@msn.com
Website:
www.custercountyfoundation.org



Planned Giving

Make a lasting difference in your community!

The goal of the Custer County Foundation (CCF) is to preserve our heritage and plan our future by promoting charitable giving for the good of Custer County communities.

The Custer County Foundation was founded in 1991, and since our inception we have proudly reinvested over \$4 million dollars back to Custer County in the form of grants, scholarships, and program support.



Imagine the impact the Custer County Foundation can have over the next 25 years with your **planned gift**! Planned gifts are very valuable, and will allow the Custer County Foundation to continue to meet the needs of the residents of Custer County.

You might ask, what is **planned giving**? Planned giving is any major gift made during the lifetime, or at death, as a part of a donor's overall financial and/or estate planning. Typically, a planned gift makes use of legal and tax strategies while supporting causes the donor cares about most.

How Planned Gifts Work:

The beauty about choosing to include the Custer County Foundation in your planned giving is you can pick from many options available to designate your donation. You can make an outright gift to the Custer County Foundation or you can choose to permanently support one or more of your favorite non-profits, or endow your own scholarship. You can choose to provide support for a special area of concern, such as the arts, the environment, recreation, or education through a field of interest fund. The choice is completely up to you. Rest assured your gift will be used to honor your wishes.

Gifts from Life Insurance or Retirement Plans:

You may name the Custer County Foundation as a beneficiary of your life insurance or retirement plan if the original beneficiary no longer needs the protection. Doing so can avoid both estate and income taxes, provide ongoing support for the community you care about and create a permanent legacy in your honor.

- Complete a new fund agreement. This will be kept at CCF and you can update it at any point.
- Name CCF as a beneficiary or successor beneficiary of your insurance policy or retirement plan. CCF can help you and your advisors with this process.
- CCF uses your assets to fulfill your charitable intent.

A Gift in Your Will:

A charitable bequest can allow you to support the Custer County Foundation in ways you could not during your lifetime. It is simple to arrange so that your gift supports exactly what is most important to you. You can choose to give a stated dollar amount, a percentage of your estate, or a specific property.

Making a bequest to the Foundation is easy; you can do it at any age by adding to an existing Will or drafting a new one.

- Include CCF in your Will as a bequest. We can help you or your attorney with recommended language (*see sample language on back*).
- Complete a fund agreement with CCF. You determine the type of fund you would like to establish with your gift. For example, a bequest can be unrestricted or set aside for a specific field of interest.
- Upon your death, CCF uses assets from your estate to fulfill your charitable intent based upon the fund agreement already established.
- Your gift is fully deductible from any estate taxes.
- The Foundation handles all the administrative details and issue grants to charities in the name of the fund you established. (If you prefer, grants can be made anonymously.)

Continued on next page >>



Planned Gift Options:

Your Goal	Your Gift	Your Method	Your Benefit ▼
Make a gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime	Gifts Through your Will or Trust ("Bequest")	Include a gift of cash, property, or a share of your estate through your Will or trust	A gift that does not affect your cash flow, and you can adjust your gift as circumstances change
Make a large gift at little cost	Gift of Life Insurance	Donate a life insurance policy you no longer need or name CCF in an existing one	Take a tax deduction now; take possible future deductions through gifts to pay policy premiums
Make a gift while leaving more of your estate to your heirs	Gifts of Retirement Assets (e.g., 401K, IRA)	Name CCF as the beneficiary of your retirement plan, and pass less taxed assets to your heirs	Avoid up to 60% income tax on your retirement assets; pass more of your estate to your heirs
Make a gift while avoiding capital gains liability	Gifts of Appreciated Securities	Give CCF appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual fund to sell and use the proceeds	Make a significant gift; receive an immediate income tax deduction; pay no capital gains tax

Sample Language:

I give (a specific \$ sum) or (percentage of my estate) to the _____ Fund(s) at the Custer County Foundation, Inc., 403 South 9th Avenue, P.O. Box 304, Broken Bow, Nebraska 68822. The Custer County Foundation, Inc. is a Nebraska nonprofit corporation exempt from federal income taxes under Internal Revenue Code ("Code") section 501(c)(3), a public charity described in Code section 70(b)(1)(A)(vi), and accordingly an appropriate institution within which to establish charitable fund.



Planned Giving Example:

Leroy Anderson passed away in 2002. He included the Custer County Foundation in his Will, in which 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 \$18,000 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. Meaning the principal will remain intact and only the interest will be used allowing his gift to last forever.

What a great legacy!



How Can We Help You?

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

Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

The best way to contact me is by:

- ☐ E-mail _____
- ☐ Telephone _____
- ☐ Mail _____