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17th Annual Gala & Auction
to be held December 11!!
Reserve your seats today!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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Fall 2021

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 2021 draws to a close, the Foundation is busy striving to reach our membership drive goal of \$20,000. With only three months left in 2021, we still need to raise a total of \$5,500 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 30 years of service, the Foundation has proudly reinvested over \$5.8 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 2022 Winter Newsletter, as well as in the 17th Annual Gala & Auction program. To be included in the Gala program, your donation needs to be received prior to November 9, 2021. 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
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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.

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 2021 the Foundation has awarded \$67,232 in grant funds to Custer County organizations in the spring grant cycle. 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.



17th Annual Gala & Auction to be held December 11!

The 17th Annual Gala & Auction is quickly approaching! We are excited to announce the theme this year -- "An Evening on Bourbon Street!" Mark your calendars for **December 11, 2021**. 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.

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.

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!



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The Foundation is also having a Raffle for 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!** Also, be sure to like our Facebook page, as we will be posting "sneak peeks" of this year's auction items.

Custer County Foundation Turns 30!

The Custer County Foundation Board of Directors wanted a fun way to celebrate turning 30. They decided a "Giving Campaign" would be a great way to celebrate our anniversary while giving back and so GIVE 4 CUSTER COUNTY was created!

The Board committed \$30,000 for a matching pool that would be distributed proportionately among the participating organizations. The Board would like to thank Arrow Seed, Becton Dickinson, Palmer Monument, Sargent Irrigation and Thomas Livestock for donating to the matching pool and incentive prizes fund for a total of \$50,000 available for the match.

Twenty-four nonprofit organizations signed up to participate and put in the work to raise over \$165,000 (including the \$2,500 in incentive prizes)!! Congratulations and thanks for making G4CC a success!! When you add in the \$47,500 in matching dollars the total raised for this campaign was over \$213,000!! Thank you, Custer County, for your generous support!



Current and Past Board members gather to celebrate the Foundation's 30th Anniversary.



Teresa White won a chance in the money machine.

To celebrate this achievement The Custer County Foundation held its 30th Anniversary Celebration in the Broken Bow City Square on Thursday, August 12th. Board President Alicia Hermsmeyer welcomed those in attendance. The purpose for the evening was to simply thank everyone for their loyalty and support over the past 30 years and celebrate the success of Give 4 Custer County. Those in attendance could enter for their chance to win BIG in the money machine. The money collected in the money machine was donated to one of the 24 Give 4 Custer County participating organizations! Everyone enjoyed the music, ice cream, beverages, and promotional items.

When the original Founders first got together in 1991, it was their hope to create a Foundation that would meet the needs of residents of Custer County for many years to come.

The Founders decided the purpose of the Foundation would be to receive and administer funds to support the areas of civic, health, cultural, welfare and education improvements throughout the county. And here we are, 30 years later, going as strong as ever.

Executive Director, Lindsay Cook recognized the founding board members, key volunteers, past Executive Directors and current board members.

Founding Members:

Roy Yanagida
Beth Cole
Tedd Huston
Jim Croghan
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Donna Kimball
Diane Finch
Dr. Alanson Jones

Dr. Loren Jacobsen
Robert Hostick
Dick Stone

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Tedd Huston
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Jeanne Uren

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"Preserving Our Heritage...
Planning Our Future."

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with a \$30 donation to our
membership drive!

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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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