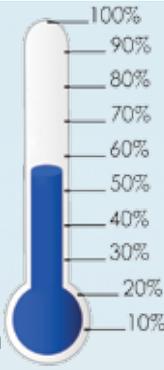


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PhotoVoice Reception November 19

At the final PhotoVoice class on October 21, participants selected four of their best photographs and wrote captions to describe the message behind them. These photos will be printed, framed, and displayed at the PhotoVoice reception on November 19, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at the University of Nebraska at Kearney's Alumni House.

Attendees will have a chance to speak with the youth who participated in PhotoVoice to get a better understanding of what their photos mean to them and learn about the techniques they used to create them. A photo book containing the youths' photos will be available to purchase at the event. Funds raised from the sale of the book will be used to sustain the program.

Youth Coordinator Mark Foradori, who led the PhotoVoice program, said, "Exchanging ideas is what the project is all about and each student had a unique perspective that really comes

through in their photos."

PhotoVoice, powered by Buffalo County Community Partners with the support of Buffalo County Juvenile Services and Region 3 Behavioral Health Services, helps youth develop a means of constructive self-expression through photography.

Youth met for seven

instructional sessions this fall, during which they were given a camera and received instruction on how to use it, learned about the expressive power of photography, and exchanged ideas about photographic



The cover of the 2013 PhotoVoice book.

subject matter pertaining to issues directly affecting them. Guest speakers led the group in discussions on issues of self-identity, family life, school, and community strengths and challenges. Local elected officials participated to help the youth make connections and find their voice among policy makers who affect social change.

255.5 lbs of Unused Prescriptions Collected in Take-Back

On October 26, the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office, along with volunteers from Positive Pressure, Kearney/Holdrege Elks Lodge #984, Good Samaritan Hospital, and Two Rivers Public Health Department, collected 255.5 lbs of expired, unwanted, and unused prescription medication as part of another DEA Prescription Drug Take-Back.

According to the National Survey on Drug Use & Health, prescription drugs are the second-most abused category of drugs in America, and over 70% of people who abuse them get them from friends or family members.

By safely disposing of unwanted medications, Buffalo County community members are eliminating

opportunities for prescription drug abuse and helping build a healthier Buffalo County.

If you were unable to join us on Saturday, please visit the following pharmacy drop-boxes to dispose of your medications year round: Kearney Clinic, Medicap, and U-Save Pharmacy. For more information on Positive Pressure or the Prescription Drug Take-Back, contact Community Coalition Coordinator Tana Nelsen at

308-865-2283 or positivepressure@bcchp.org.



Deputy Joe Andersen of the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office boxes up collected medicine before it's weighed, labeled, and transported for safe disposal.

Red Ribbon Week Promotes Drug-Free Lifestyle to Students

October 23-31 marked the 26th annual Red

Ribbon Week, a campaign created by the National Family Partnership that aims to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a drug-free America. Positive Pressure teamed up with Kearney/ Holdrege Elks Lodge #984 and players from the University of Nebraska at Kearney women's basketball team to visit local schools and talk to students about staying drug free.

Players from the UNK women's basketball team spoke during special assemblies, explaining to students why they choose

to be drug free and handing out Take a Stand

t-shirts to students who volunteered to share their reasons for staying drug free.

In addition, members of Elks Lodge #984 distributed informational packets to counselors in each Buffalo County school. The packets contained resources on substance abuse, mentoring, assessing and building on the Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets, and more. Visit

positivepressure.org to learn more about Red Ribbon Week.



Two students from Glenwood elementary pose with UNK women's basketball players Tori Payne, Hunter Mathieu, and Laramie Lewis (from left to right), along with Elks Lodge #984 members Riley Harris, Lane Nansel, and Doug Kramer, during the Red Ribbon Week assembly.

Donating is simple. Just visit bcchp.org/donate and build a healthier Buffalo County online.

Nebraska Youth Academy for Democracy Promotes Advocacy

Over 40 students attended the Nebraska Youth Academy for Democracy on October 27. Students came from Buffalo County, Grand Island, Lincoln, and beyond to get a crash course in advocacy, learn about and discuss issues important to them, and meet with state senators to voice their opinions and learn how they could get involved in the democratic process.



Senator Galen Hadley speaks with Nebraska youth about issues that concern them, including health care and child welfare.

would like to thank Dr. Diane Duffin from UNK, Senator Mike Gloor, Becky Gould from Nebraska Applesseed, Senator Galen Hadley, Sandy Yager from Tobacco Free Hall County, Senator John Wightman, and Jose Zapata from Central Nebraska Community Services, as well as Kearney Public Schools and Region 3 Behavioral Health Services for making this event a great

Buffalo County Community Partners

experience for Nebraska Youth.

Give Where You Live: 24 Hours to Help Local Non-Profits

Give Where You Live – Kearney Area is a 24-hour fundraising event created to rally community support for local charitable causes. This unique one-day fundraiser is being organized by the Kearney Area Community Foundation and will be held on Thursday, December 5, from midnight to midnight.

The Kearney Area Community Foundation brings this event to the Kearney area with several goals in

mind: to raise awareness of the current philanthropic needs of our communities, to help local non-profits identify and cultivate new funding streams, and to inspire donors to increase their support of their favorite local causes.

Community Partners invites you to donate to our campaign by visiting bcchp.org/GiveWhereYouLive or by bringing your gift to the Kearney Area Community Foundation office at 412 W. 48th Street, Suite 12, between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. on December 5.



Our Mission:

Buffalo County Community Partners is a county-wide, non-profit organization with a mission to assess, promote and strengthen the health of Buffalo County citizens. Community Partners facilitates change through the recruitment and training of volunteers and the creation of coalitions to impact priority issues that reach all corners of the county.

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Calendar of Events

- **Activate Buffalo County** meets the second Tuesday of the month, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., at Community Partners' offices.
For more information, contact staff@bcchp.org or visit ActivateBuffaloCounty.com.
- **Alzheimer's Coalition** meets the fourth Thursday of the month, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., at Community Partners' offices.
For more information, contact Alexandra.dillion@alz.org.
- **Buffalo County Health Ministry Network** meets the second Thursday of the month, 12 - 1 p.m., at Good Samaritan Hospital, Telehealth, Suite 1.
For more information, call 308-865-7741.
- **Community Connections** meets the first Thursday of every month, 12 - 1 p.m., at Salvation Army.
For more information, contact admin@bcchp.org or sfrias@mnca.net.
- **Community Health Access Team (CHAT)** meets the third Thursday of the month, 12 - 1 p.m., at Community Partners' offices.
For more information, contact chathub@bcchp.org.
- **Positive Pressure Coalition** meets the first Tuesday of the month, 12 - 1 p.m., at Region 3 Conference Room.
For more information, contact positivepressure@bcchp.org or visit PositivePressure.org.
- **Violence Prevention Coalition** meets the fourth Thursday of the month, 4 - 5 p.m., at Community Partners' offices.
For more information, contact admin@bcchp.org.
- **TIPS Trainings.** For more information, contact positivepressure@bcchp.org.
- **Youth Advisory Board.** For more information, visit bcyab.org or contact bcyab@bcchp.org.