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November 2015

Open House

Red Ribbon Week

Walk To School Recap

Celebrating Donors By Opening Our Doors



In 2007, a tree was planted in honor of Joan Lindenstein's retirement, dedicating her time to Buffalo County Community Partners, thus dubbing Oct. 29th as "Building a Healthier Buffalo County Day."

Lindenstein led the weaving of our vision in the community and the health systems. She helped shape Community Partners in its formative years in 1994 and 1995, served as chair of its board of directors for the organization's first three years, and remained on the board up until her retirement.

In honor of the day we hosted a luncheon for the leading donors from the year. The Community Partners could not accomplish the things in the community we do if it were not for the monetary support we receive from the community.

Doctor Ken Schaffer and Dietician Kaiti George hosted the "healthy luncheon." We had 40 donors attend to celebrate by eating lunch and chatting with the staff about current involvement in the community.

"Dr. Schaffer graciously gave of his time and generosity by inviting our 2015 leading donors to join him for a healthy lunch in celebration of their giving! It was a great time for our donor family to gather and enjoy the rewards of their efforts." said Denise Zwiener.

3 Ways to Donate Nov. 1- Dec. 3



Credit Card

Give anytime from
Nov 1--Dec 3 at
bcchp.org/Give

Check

Mail or drop off 1755
Prairie View Place
Check dated **Dec. 3**

Cash

Drop off at our office or
Kearney Area Community
Foundation office
8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Dec 3 Only



Join Community Partners during the Give Where You Live celebration and be part of the biggest giving day in Buffalo County. Support your favorite non profits for them to receive matching funds by your donation.

Check out bcchp.org/give to check out our fundraising website. Help us win the funds!

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Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week kicked off October 23rd and celebrates the 30th year of being the nation's largest and oldest unified drug prevention campaign. Red Ribbon Week began in 1985 in response to the murder of DEA Agent Enrique Camarena by drug traffickers. Families of the community soon rallied for the fallen agent by wearing a piece of red cloth to signify a unified stance against drugs. Since the origin, the Red Ribbon campaign has grown to an annual national phenomenon that focuses on bringing a visible stance against drugs to communities and to educate youth on the dangers that drugs present.

Buffalo County is certainly not excluded from the activities of Red Ribbon Week. Five schools in the county planned different activities that particularly benefited their area and the stance against drugs, such as creating drug-free pledges for students to sign. The Positive Pressure Coalition at Buffalo County Community Partners has taken additional steps to unify the county.

The Elks Lodge #984 partnered with Positive Pressure to handout 40 Developmental Asset Resources and Substance Abuse Prevention Resources to the schools throughout the county in order to create a unified look at

how to move forward with drug prevention. We will also be recognizing the Youth Advisory Board at each school for their involvement with the Community Partners to build on our relationship with the youth leaders of the region.



Emerson elementary students gather to hear from UNK athletes on why they choose to be drug free.

The campaign brings a new theme every year, the national theme for the 2015 Red Ribbon Week is "Respect Yourself. Be Drug Free." This slogan came from a contest that is held annually and was won this year by student Kristopher Calhoun of Solon Middle School in Solon, Ohio. For more information and resources, check out <http://www.possiblepressure.org/>.

Only 6% of Buffalo County Youth are buying alcohol from Retailers.

In 2015, the Alcohol Retail Compliance Rate was at 94.6%. Where are youth getting it?

How Youth Obtain Alcohol



Thank You to Our October Donors:

Roger & April Roggasch
Joel & Jill Johnson
Michael & Diane Schnieders
Richard & Ann Huffman
Dora Day
Alan & Germaine Oldfather
Reed Miller

If you would like to partner with us through a financial donation, you may:

Contact Denise Zwiener at 308-865-2280 or dzwiener@bcchp.org

Donate on our website, bcchp.org, by clicking the blue "Donate" button.

Did You Know...

For Every \$1

donated to Buffalo County Community Partners

\$6 is raised in matching grant funding

Walk to School Day Success

Enjoying fall weather by walking and biking to school while promoting safety information, was Safe Routes to School goal in celebrating international Walk to School day during the first two weeks of October. Four schools participated in the day by encouraging their students to walk or bike to school on certain days. There were classroom challenges and prizes for the children who were actively commuting. Community members and UNK athletes facilitated the students' routes to get to school.

Safe Routes goals trying to increase the



UNK athletes and community volunteers make walking and biking to school easy and safe by facilitating the process.



Windy Hills Students sign their names as part of Walk to School Day activities.

numbers of children actively getting to school. Children who walk or bike are building healthy lifestyles and gaining a sense of independence and confidence that will carry them through adulthood. "Walking and Biking is getting safer as we implement the Safe Route programs around the community. It helps with traffic congestion, which slows a lot of people down in the mornings," said Kate Hannon, School and Community Worksite Health Coordinator.

Katie Mathews, Principal at Windy Hills elementary, said, "Now about a quarter of our students walk or bike to school. We started a Safe Routes program last year and it was hard to get sustainability at first, but now we have quite a few students continue to walk or bike as a result of that program."

Final Draft Hot Off the Press for America's Best

As October comes to an end, the America's Best Community team of Kearney is finalizing the plans for the community revitalization plan. Kearney was given \$50,000 to develop the plan and continues working hard at weekly meetings for solutions to the plan. Kearney's weekly meetings consist of intense collaboration of finding the best solutions possible for the revitalization plan.

The plan focuses on increased attention and support towards manufacturing and skilled labor. The executive team is working diligently in refining the short term goals that will be achievable if Kearney is to be selected as one of the 15 semifinalist to receive \$100,000. The plan is to be submitted by November. The next week will be filled with final tweaks in the entry form. For all the latest updates please visit <http://www.bcchp.org/americasbest/>.



America's Best Team Kearney listens to Miller and Associates present the finalized draft of the community revitalization plan.