



Good Samaritan Hospital Awarded \$500K Grant to Support Community Health Access Team (CHAT)

Good Samaritan Hospital Foundation was awarded a grant in August in the amount of \$540,987 for the purpose of supporting the Community Health Access Team (CHAT) Pathways Community HUB. Pathways Community HUB is program intended for the purpose of expanding access to health care services in Buffalo County. The Buffalo County Community Partners coalition, CHAT, is working to improve health and social outcomes in Buffalo County through the development of this program. Through the project CHAT hopes to develop a formal pathway that can help individuals overcome barriers they encounter to receiving regular health care. CHAT also hopes to create a central hub for all Pathways coordination in the area.

Specifically, this grant will fund a program focused on 250 adults in Buffalo County with diabetes and other qualifications. The program will provide services to them that help them secure health care appointments and identify and eliminate barriers that would prevent them from making those medical appointments.

The Pathways Community HUB is a program consistent with the Buffalo County Community Partners 2020 Vision. It will allow residents of Buffalo County to work towards the goal of increasing the quality of years of a healthy life as well as address issues related to access to health care services.

Jessie Perez, HUB Coordinator, begins this month as coordinator for the program. Perez will be the overall project manager and leader of the project.

New Coalition for Alzheimer's Support in the Works

Buffalo County Community Partners has released Buffalo County 2020 Vision. This vision includes ELEVATING health issues, ENGAGING Buffalo County residents in accountability to health, EMPOWERING positive change and EVALUATING progress towards a healthier county.

"With this in mind BCCP is elevating Alzheimer's Disease as a priority health issue in Buffalo County," said director Denise Zwiener. Alzheimer's Disease is a growing concern nation wide but in Nebraska alone it is predicted that by 2025, approximately 44,000 people aged 65 and older will have Alzheimer's and other dementias. That's a 33% increase from the year 2000.

Want to be part of a team to solve these issues?

Join BCCP in starting a new coalition that would focus on developing a community wide action plan to address Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 28th from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at Buffalo County Community Partners Conference Room in Richard Young Hospital - 1755 Prairie View Place, Krny

Community Partners Fills Two Staff Vacancies

Tara McCaslin and Kaylee Troyer joined the ranks of Buffalo County Community Partners this summer, Tara filling the Office Manager vacancy and Kaylee the Marketing Coordinator position.



Tara McCaslin, Office Manager

"Financial responsibility in the non-profit sector is vitally important," said director Denise Zwiener. "We are pleased to have Tara join our team to assist us in ensuring our fiscal responsibility to the community we serve."

Tara recently moved from McCook, NE where she worked for CBS Constructors. She holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Nebraska at Kearney in Business Administration with an emphasis in Human Resource Management.

"I am completely honored to be working for Community Partners," said Tara. "Having grown up in Kearney it is nice to now have the opportunity to join Community Partners and their efforts to support the community and make a difference."

Kaylee, a Kearney native, graduated from the University of Nebraska at Kearney this May with a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism with an Advertising emphasis and a Spanish minor.

"Kaylee brings excellent experience to our office," said Zwiener. "She worked at UNK with our grant funded program 'It Ain't Pretty'. We are excited to see this campaign grow with Kaylee's leadership as well as showcasing Buffalo County Vision 2020."

"I am so grateful for this opportunity that I have to help improve and better the community that I grew up in," said Kaylee. "I love this area and I look forward to helping it grow and become stronger and healthier."



Kaylee Troyer, Marketing Coordinator

Sam the Moose Joins Activate Buffalo County

Activate Buffalo County is excited to announce a new partnership with Good Samaritan Hospital's Sam the Moose! In October, Sam will be visiting all the Buffalo County K-5 schools and giving out pedometers and journals for the students to use for the month. The goal is for each student to take at least 10,000 steps a day, and once the students are done, the hope is to get their families involved.

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Calendar of Events

- **Activate Buffalo County** meets on the last Thursday of the month, 1:30-2:30p.m., Richard Young Hospital Board Room. For more information: staff@bcchp.org or www.ActivateBuffaloCounty.org
- **Positive Pressure Coalition** meets on the first Tuesday of each month, 12-1 p.m., Region 3 Conference Room. For more information: positivepressure@bcchp.org or www.bcchp.org
- **Buffalo County Tobacco Free Coalition** meets on the first Thursday of each month, 1:15-2:15 p.m., Region 3 Conference Room. For more information: jbrown@region3.net
- **Buffalo County Health Ministry Network** meets on the second Thursday of each month, 12-1 p.m., Holy Cross Lutheran Church. For more information: (308)865-7741
- **Youth Advisory Board** For more information: www.bcyab.org
- **Buffalo County Housing Coalition** meets on the fourth Monday of each month, 1:15 p.m., Miller & Associates. For more information: candy@miller-engineers.com
- **Buffalo County Housing Senate** meets on the fourth Monday of each month, 7 p.m., Location TBD. For more information: candy@miller-engineers.com
- **TIPS Trainings** For more information: positivepressure@bcchp.org or www.bcchp.org

Living Well Offers Chronic Health Condition Class

“Managing a Chronic Health Condition is hard work!” Living Well wants to help. They are offering a 6-week, free program to help those with chronic health conditions improve their quality of life. A chronic health condition can be an Addiction, Alzheimer’s, Arthritis, Asthma, Cancer, Depression, Diabetes, Fibromyalgia, Heart Disease, Lupus, MS, Parkinson’s, and the list goes on. Living Well wants people living with these conditions to feel more confident in managing their symptoms. They also want these individuals to be able to set and meet goals, increase their energy, relax to reduce stress, as well as effectively communicate their health needs.

The next class starts Wednesday, September 7th from 10:00 a.m. to noon and takes place at Sentinel Health Care, located at 2605 2nd Ave in Kearney.

Pre-registration is required so call (308)865-2707 to get signed up. A workbook is provided at the first class and a journal and relaxation CD will be provided upon completion of the class.

Town Hall Meeting at ESU10 September 9th

Why: Increase integration and coordination of prevention in schools, community and public health departments within the Region 3 Behavioral Health service area.

When: Sept. 9th, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Where: ESU10 - 76 Plaza Blvd - Kearney, NE

RSVP: 308.865.2280 - dzwiener@bcchp.org - Denise Zwiener, facilitator

Partner with us

If you would like to partner with Buffalo County Community Partners through a financial donation you may:

- Contact Denise Zwiener at (308)865-2280 or dzwiener@bcchp.org
- Donate on our website at www.bcchp.org, Click on the blue “Donate” button

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 facilitate 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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