



## Community Partners Receives Healthy People 2020 \$10,000 Grant

Buffalo County Community Partners was selected to receive a \$10,000 grant from the Healthy People 2020 Community Innovations Project. The grant will support “Healthy Behaviors Across the Lifespan” projects that fall into many aspects of the Community Partners mission to assess, promote and strengthen the health of Buffalo County. This grant will assist in launching two of five strategic directions, Healthy Eating & Active Living and High Impact Prevention Services, which are part of the Community Partners 2020 Vision.

Thanks to this grant, Community Partners is closer than ever to reaching our Annual Campaign Goal of \$125,000, but they still need your help to finish strong!

What’s your passion? Are you passionate about a community garden to provide fresh produce for families? Maybe you’re committed to substance abuse prevention and protecting our children and schools. Are you devoted to getting up off the couch and living an active lifestyle? Community Partners needs your help! Help us support our community by donating now. You can donate on our web site, [www.bcchp.org](http://www.bcchp.org) or by calling our office, 308-865-2284.



Volunteers from the Buffalo County Sheriff’s Office and the Kearney Elks Lodge safely dispose of unused prescription medications turned in by community members. From left: Laverne Deke, Deputy Sheriff Brandon Brueggemann, Bill Sebree, and Doug Kramer.

## Prescription Drug Take Back a Success

The second Prescription Drug Take Back Event of 2011 took place on October 29th and brought members of the community together to collect people’s unused prescription medications.

255 pounds of prescription medications were collected, brought in by 48 individuals throughout the morning.

“Nationally there has been an increase in prescription drug abuses, especially in young people,” said Jessica Carter, Positive Pressure Coalition Coordinator. “We just want to provide an outlet where community members can take their old, expired, unused drugs. That way they know that their old prescriptions are being disposed of safely.”

The Positive Pressure Coalition is a work group of Buffalo County Community Partners and exists to eliminate alcohol sales to minors and intoxicated persons.



## Dr. Joel Johnson Honored by Community Foundation



Dr. Joel Johnson

Dr. Joel Johnson, Buffalo County Community Partners Campaign Co-Chair, was honored by the Kearney Area Community Foundation. In their Celebration of Giving dinner on October 27th, the Foundation presented Dr. Johnson with one of the 2011 Kearney Area Community Foundation Philanthropy awards. Individuals and businesses who encourage and support charitable stewardship in Kearney are the recipients of these awards. Dr. Johnson was given the Volunteer Award, which goes to an individual who has contributed time and energy to successful fundraising efforts. Dr. Johnson exhibited exceptional leadership in coordinating and motivating other volunteers to raise funds. Congratulations Dr. Johnson!

## Community Partners Continues to Grow in Numbers



Christina Rice

Christina Rice and Kevin Davis have joined Community Partners, Rice as a work study through the University of Nebraska at Kearney and Davis as a data coordinator for the Health HUB program. Rice will be providing administrative assistance to the Positive Pressure Coalition and is serving as a mentor for the Youth Advisory Board, which she was a member of in high school. Davis will be beginning and managing data collection for the Health HUB programs and conducting needs assessments for other programs.



Kevin Davis

## Chuck Matson to Speak in Kearney

Mark your calendar for January 19, 2012! Nationally recognized speaker and instructor Chuck Matson is coming to Kearney to speak at Buffalo County Community Partners. A 25-year veteran of the Omaha Police Department, Matson formed Recognizing Impairing Drugs (RID) in 1998, a training on the danger of addictive drugs. Matson is also a certified instructor of the United States Department of Transportation’s Drug Evaluation and Classification Program (DECP). Being a member of nationally certified Drug Recognition Expert Instructors, Matson has provided training for law enforcement officers, educational institutions, government agencies, medical personnel and businesses on techniques for evaluating individuals who display signs and symptoms of alcohol and drug impairment.

Join us at the Buffalo County Community Partners offices for lunch on Thursday, January 19th and listen to a brief talk by incredibly experienced Chuck Matson.

**Positive Pressure is now on Facebook! Ask to be our friend and get updates on Safe Homes Parent Network and Responsible Beverage Service.**



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## Calendar of Events

- **Activate Buffalo County** meets on the fourth Thursday of the month, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Richard Young Hospital Board Room.  
For more information: [staff@bcchp.org](mailto:staff@bcchp.org) or [www.ActivateBuffaloCounty.org](http://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](mailto:positivepressure@bcchp.org) or [www.bcchp.org](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:candy@miller-engineers.com)
- **TIPS Trainings** For more information: [positivepressure@bcchp.org](mailto:positivepressure@bcchp.org) or [www.bcchp.org](http://www.bcchp.org)
- **Community Health Access Team (CHAT)** Meets on the third Thursday of the month, 12-1 p.m., Community Partners offices.  
For more information: [chathub@bcchp.org](mailto:chathub@bcchp.org)
- **Alzheimer's Coalition** Meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month, 9:30 a.m., Community Partners offices.  
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## 2011 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

*Building Community Partnerships, Building a Healthier Community*

**Thank you to our November donors! You've helped us raise  
\$100,000, 80% of our 2011 Annual Fund Campaign Goal of \$125,000**

Aaron Bishop

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**Contact our office (308) 865-2284 to see how you can be included in next  
month's newsletter!**

## Thank You 2011 Annual Fund Campaign Committee

The Buffalo County Community Partners Board of Directors would like to thank 2011 Campaign Co-Chairs Stan Clouse and Joel Johnson for their leadership. A special thank you to our honorary chairman, Jackie Rosenlof. "Our chairmen led 2011 with enthusiasm and energy that was contagious," said Denise Zwiener, executive director. "We are very thankful for their support and willingness to lead the way."

Community Partners would also like to thank the volunteers who served on the Campaign Committee: Scott Anderson, Greg Barney, Beth Baxter, Katie Bean, Yvonne Deyle, Dave Glover, Marilyn Hadley, Teresa Ibach, John Lakey, Joan Lindenstien, Galen Loseke, Kim Lowe, Leslie Martin, Nikki Masek, Matthew Mims, Sherry Morrow, LeAnn Obrecht, Earl Rademacher, Sue Reiber, Carol Renner, Greg Shea, Carol Smith, Bob Smoot, Julie Spears, Donna Stevens, Todd Thalken, Lois Thalken, Steve Wickham, Heidi Wietjes, Marsha Wilkerson and advisory members Dr. David Wiebe and Dr. John McCammond. Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board Members: Adam Ripp, Griffin Mims, Kaden Zwiener, Jenna Martin, Vanessa Escandon, Kaylee Cudaback, Saul Aguilar, Olivia Hyde, Maddison Hyde, Rosamond Thalken, Isabel Thalken, Mariah Henninger, David Mueller and Clayton Stoppkotte.

## 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](mailto:dzwiener@bcchp.org)
- Donate on our website at [www.bcchp.org](http://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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