

## Community Partners Hosts Chuck Matson



Positive Pressure was joined by Chuck Matson on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at the Buffalo County Community Partners offices. A 27-year veteran of the Omaha Police Department, Matson formed Recognizing Impairing Drugs (RID) in 1998, a training on the danger of addictive drugs.

For his session at Community Partners, Matson focused on the increasing rate of abuse of prescription drugs and the dangers they present for communities and youth.

**“Chuck shared an important message about the impact of drugs and alcohol**

**on the developing brain and throughout adulthood,”** said Jessica Carter, Positive Pressure Coalition Coordinator. “I look forward to continuing conversations with law enforcement, schools and community members about emerging prescription drug abuse trends. Chuck is very obviously an expert in his field, and we are fortunate to have had him working in Kearney.”

Matson also presented for staff and parents at Kearney High school, Kearney Catholic High school, students in Pleasanton and law enforcement. If you would like Matson to present for your business or school, contact Jessica Carter at 308-865-2283 or email [positivepressure@bcchp.org](mailto:positivepressure@bcchp.org)

## PhotoVoice in Buffalo County

The Positive Pressure Coalition administrative assistant, Christina Rice, is facilitating a new program in Buffalo County: PhotoVoice. Along with Community Partners intern, Jalin Ballou, Rice will facilitate a program designed to empower youth to represent and benefit their community with photos that they take. Through photography and writing, participants find confidence in their voices and are encouraged to communicate about their challenges, concerns, ideas, hopes and fears. This is an exciting program that will provide ten youth from Buffalo County with an opportunity to express themselves through photography.



*“Here I am a refugee but I do not want  
refuge. I want the wings to fly”*

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**Thank you Sentinel Healthcare for  
the use of your chairs for our event on  
January 19th!**



Doug Kramer

## Congratulations to Kramer for TIPS Trainings

Doug Kramer, Juvenile Services Administrator with the Buffalo County Attorney’s Office, has been honored by the TIPS (Training for Intervention Procedures) program for training over 500 individuals in the TIPS Trainings!

He received a plaque of recognition from the TIPS program and was mentioned in their national newsletter announcing the Trainer Awards.

Congratulations Doug! Your hard work is appreciated and you’ve helped make our communities a safer place for those living there.

## Community Partners Joins with Wellness Works

Community Partners is excited to announce a new partnership with Wellness Works of Kearney. Together, the two organizations will be engaging in a collaborative effort to provide the community with a mass media campaign to improve overall health in Buffalo County communities called “Join the Movement.” There will be four segments to the campaign, each promoted throughout the year, encouraging people to eat and drink healthier, to live active lifestyles and to unplug from technology on a regular basis. Stay tuned for more information!

## Community Partners 5 Strategic Directions for the 2020 Vision

High Impact Prevention Services is the next Strategic Direction that Community Partners would like to highlight for their 2020 Vision. What is the goal of this strategy and what is Community Partners doing to help further it?

The goal of the High Impact Prevention Services strategy is to improve the health and quality of life in Buffalo County through prevention, leveraging and collaboration, planning, and programming. To aid communities in the coordination and integration of resources, and use of evidence-based practices to improve health and well-being.

The Positive Pressure coalition, a work group that exists to eliminate alcohol sales to minors and intoxicated patrons, is a huge part of this strategy. Recently, Positive Pressure brought in nationally recognized speaker Chuck Matson to speak on the growing prevalence of prescription drug abuse. For more information please contact Jessica Carter, 308-865-2283 or [positivepressure@bcchp.org](mailto:positivepressure@bcchp.org)

There is also the Community Coalition to Improve Alzheimer’s/Dementia Health, whose mission is to increase the communities knowledge of dementia, including Alzheimer’s disease. This will be achieved by building community partnerships, increasing education and heightening awareness. This coalition is still in its developing stages so now is the time to share your key concerns and issues about Alzheimer’s and Dementia. For more information please contact Alexandra Dillon, 308-440-7773.



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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. For more information: Alexandra Dillion at [Alexandra.dillion@alz.org](mailto:Alexandra.dillion@alz.org)



## 2011 ANNUAL FUND CAMPAIGN

*Building Community Partnerships, Building a Healthier Community*

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## Thank You to Platte Valley State Bank Jean Philanthropy!

Every other month at Platte Valley State Bank staff members nominate a local non-profit and vote to select one. Then on the last day of those months, employees get to wear jeans for a five dollar donation to the selected non-profit. Thank you to the employees of Platte Valley State Bank for voting for Community Partners and raising \$205! BCCP truly appreciates the support of Platte Valley State Bank, and of all the local supporters.

## 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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