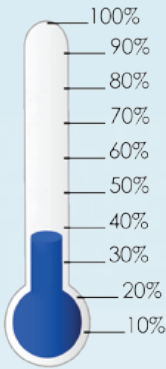


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## Community Building Block Parties



# BLOCK PARTY

Our Community Building Block Party was a hit! Before you throw yours, be sure to register and get a toolkit at [bcchp.org/blockparty](http://bcchp.org/blockparty)



# Community Partners' Board Grows, One Spot Left

Two new members have joined the Buffalo County Community Partners board of directors. Filling a spot in the healthcare organizations constituency, is Mike Schnieders president of Good Samaritan Hospital.



*Mike Schnieders*

“Kearney is very fortunate to have an organization like Buffalo County Community Partners working in the community. It provides the forum and a structure to work together with the aim of improving life in central

Nebraska. The mission of Good Samaritan Hospital includes building healthier communities, and we already work closely with Community Partners to improve the health of area residents. As we move into the next era of health care, Good Samaritan’s goal is to keep people healthy. Together with Community Partners, we are already making

progress toward that goal,” said Schnieders.

Also joining the board, and filling the civic groups, churches, and consumers spot, is Linda Muhlbach of the Kearney eFree Church.

When asked what she hoped to



*Linda Muhlbach*

contribute to the board and its work, Muhlbach said, “For me, the faith-based community is a large part of the community as a whole, so I hope to bring that perspective to the board. The faith community is rich with human

resources and people looking to serve.”

There is still one open spot on the board of directors, in the government constituency. If you are interested in building a healthier Buffalo County by serving on one of our committees, please contact Denise Zwiener at 308-865-2280 or [dzwiener@bcchp.org](mailto:dzwiener@bcchp.org).

## Safe Routes to School Coordinator Joins Community Partners

Community Partners is excited to announce the newest member of our staff: Dusten Vermeire, our Safe Routes to School Coordinator.

Safe Routes to School programs are sustained efforts by parents, schools, community leaders, and local, state, and federal governments to improve the health and well-being of children by enabling and encouraging them to walk and bicycle to school.

This year, Activate Buffalo County was awarded a Safe Routes to School grant to promote and grow their work, which included the hiring of a dedicated coordinator.



“I’ve always enjoyed Kearney’s focus on community activities and improvements. Safe

Routes to School is a very exciting program to increase the number and improve the safety of those walking and biking to school,” Vermeire said.

“As a cyclist, and a parent of a child who rides to school, even in the winter, I know firsthand the need and importance of safer school zones. More kids walking and biking to school means less vehicle traffic in and around schools as well.”

For more information, contact Dusten at [srts@bcchp.org](mailto:srts@bcchp.org).

Be sure to follow us on twitter @BCCHP for real-time updates on what we’re doing!

# Positive Pressure Receives \$10,000 From Union Pacific Foundation

Buffalo County Community Partners and the Positive Pressure coalition are excited to accept a \$10,000 grant from the Union Pacific Foundation. The funds will be used to expand the coalition's "Take A Stand" campaign, an innovative youth-led media campaign that aims to reduce youth alcohol use, procurement of alcohol to minors, and driving while intoxicated.

The "Take A Stand" campaign was founded in collaboration with the Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board in 2008 when YAB was awarded the Governor's Safe and Drug Free Grant in order to implement a youth substance abuse program.

Positive Pressure has expanded this campaign even further to include parents in its "Parents Take A Stand" program. The program offers primarily web-based support and encouragement to parents of teens who might be faced with the pressures of substance abuse. It is designed to house interactions between parents

in the community in order to share advice to assist in keeping our community safe.

In regards to the coalition and its

involvement with the Union Pacific Foundation, Coalition Coordinator Tana Nelsen said, "The Positive Pressure Coalition works hard to continually provide needed resources to our community and it's an honor to have our efforts supported by the Union Pacific



*Kelli O'Brien of the Union Pacific Foundation presents a \$10,000 check for Positive Pressure to Coalition Coordinator Tana Nelsen and Executive Director Denise Zwiener.*

Foundation."

The grant from the Union Pacific Foundation will be used to enhance Positive Pressure's mission by implementing messages about driving while intoxicated into each campaign in hopes of decreasing the number of alcohol related incidents on Buffalo County Roads—specifically at railroad intersections.

Visit [positivepressure.org](http://positivepressure.org) for more information on the "Take a Stand" campaigns, community resources, and more.

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