



Youth to Youth Grant Award Recipients Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board

In 2002, the Buffalo County Community Partners announced the availability of Youth-to-Youth Grants. Grant awards of up to \$1,000 are given to youth groups as matching or educational funds for a project or service that will promote goal attainment. To be eligible for funding, grants must be submitted by youth for youth. Seed money for this grant

program was provided to Community Partners through a Catholic Health Initiatives Health Community Grant awarded to the PARTNERS. To date, these grants are awarded and managed by the Buffalo County Youth Advisory Board. For more information on the Youth Advisory Board and their grant process, log onto www.bcchp.org. Funds awarded to date \$14,847.

Amherst FBLA Elementary Bike Safety (\$1,000)

Funding was awarded to the Amherst FBLA to provide all Amherst elementary students with a free bicycle helmet. The bike safety program featured guest speakers including police officers and hospital emergency staff. Each elementary student was individually fitted for their helmet. (Awarded 4/8/08).

Elm Creek FCCLA Kindergarten Buddy Program (\$400)

Funding was awarded to the Elm Creek FCCLA to mentor Kindergarten students from November 2007- January 2008. They worked on social skills, intellectual skills, table manners, communications skills, and interacting with other age groups. With many single parent homes and dual income homes, Kindergarten students can greatly benefit through a mentoring program. (Awarded 11/7/07).

Youth Leadership Kearney Landscaping at Yanney (\$850)

Youth Leadership Kearney 2006-2007 was awarded funds to build benches, plant trees, shrubs and flowers at Yanney Heritage Park. The youth had plaques made for the benches that place strength based messages targeted towards the community regarding teen alcohol use. The plaques recognize both Youth Leadership Kearney and Youth Advisory Board. (Awarded 4/25/07)

Pleasanton FBLA Pleasanton Depot (\$1,000)

Funding was awarded to the Pleasanton FBLA to "Save the Depot". The youth felt that it was an important part of Pleasanton history and could be used for various community activities such as a future start/end location for a town "Walk Out On Your Job", blood pressure clinic, or an exercise class. (Awarded 4/24/07).

Where is Your Life Headed? (\$5,000)

Funding was awarded to the Todd Becker Foundation to provide presentations to youth in schools, churches and Buffalo County communities. Funds will go towards purchasing a sound system to present "Where is Your Life Headed?" which recounts the life and alcohol-related death of Todd Becker. (Awarded 5/31/06)

Graffiti Wall/Bullying Prevention Project (\$1,000)

Funding was awarded to Y.E.S. (Youth Encouraging Support) to put 'graffiti walls' to raise awareness on mental health disorders into Gibbon and Amherst Junior/Senior High Schools and follow up with bringing the youth group R5 to do presentations about awareness of mental health and bullying in schools. (Awarded 2/26/06)

Youth Leadership Retreat (\$792.08)

Buffalo County 4-H Junior Leader Club (youth representing multiple 4-H clubs) was awarded funding to conduct a youth leadership retreat to develop community goals and to improve personal leadership skills for youth in grades 7 - 12. (Awarded 2/26/06)

Surviving II - Youth Voice, Here We Are (\$1,000)

Y.E.S. Leadership Council was awarded funding to hold a second mental health retreat for youth with mental health diagnoses giving them a place to meet and support other youth. (Awarded 6/28/05)

Youth Leadership Kearney Operation Kidzone (\$412)

Youth Leadership Kearney 04-05 was awarded funds to build a 'Ping-Pong Plumbing Wall' in the Kearney Area Children's Museum. The youth volunteered to aid in the renovation of the relocated museum. (Awarded 6/28/05)

Elm Creek National Honor Society Relay for Life (\$430)

Funding was awarded to the Elm Creek National Honor Society to pay the team operation cost for Relay for Life. Youth will prepare letters that will be sent out to community members to raise money for cancer research, education and treatment, while at the same time giving the community an opportunity to honor their loved ones who have died or become sick with the disease. (Awarded 4/26/05)

Surviving Mental Health in the Real World (\$1,000) -

Y.E.S. Leadership Council was awarded funding to hold a mental health retreat for youth with mental health challenges, giving them a place to meet and support other youth with similar challenges. (Awarded 6/18/04)

Ravenna Youth Advisory Board (\$800)

The Ravenna Youth Advisory Board received funding to be used for materials to assist with the landscaping of the Bluejay Headquarters Youth Center. (Awarded 4/04)

Elm Creek Buffateers, No Tobacco Signage (\$490)

Funding was awarded to Elm Creek Buffateers to promote a smoke-free environment at track and football facility. Partial funding will assist in the placement of a sign at the Elm Creek Buffalos football field. (Awarded 5/27/03)

SWAT II (Students Warning Adolescents about Tobacco) (\$500)

The Ravenna SWAT II youth group was awarded funding to celebrate the opening of their new Youth Center. Previous funding was awarded by BCCHP for the staff and equipment needed for the Youth Center. This youth grant will provide an opportunity for youth to celebrate their accomplishments in their community. (Awarded 5/27/03)

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