



O'Neill Community Foundation



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O'Neill Community Foundation 2009 Grants Announced

The O'Neill Community Foundation granted out \$4,600 to local projects and organizations at their annual grant celebration event Friday morning at the Blarney Stone.

Over \$8,000 was requested for funding from the annual grant application process through the Foundation. The money granted out is a portion of the earnings from the Foundation's Endowment Account.

Organizations receiving those grants include:

Blue Dolphin Swim Team received \$400 to help provide t-shirts to the approximate 50 swimmers that are on the team.

LEAP Preschool Program received \$500 to help with their Nature Explore Outdoor Education Classroom project.

BRAVO – The Bullying Recognition and Anti-Violence Organization Youth Group received \$500 to continue their work in schools to address bullying and teen dating violence.

Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) received \$500 to help with leadership training within their group.

Golden Age Senior Center Meals on Wheels Program was awarded \$700 to help defray the costs of providing meals to shut-ins in the O'Neill community.

Holt County Economic Development was awarded \$1000 to help with the energizing entrepreneurs' strategy.

O'Neill Chamber of Commerce received \$1,000 to help with their Center of It All Marketing Campaign.

Also during the grant program, a report was given on how many families the Foundation has been able to assist with the Kiewit Emergency Assistance dollars that were awarded to the O'Neill Community Foundation last winter. Through Central Nebraska Community Services, Bright Horizons and O'Neill Ministerial Association, over 60 families in Holt County received assistance to help with their utility and grocery bills.

The O'Neill Community Foundation was established in 1998 for the purpose of receiving, administering and disbursing funds for community betterment. The O'Neill Community Foundation is an affiliate of the Nebraska Community Foundation. Since 2005, the O'Neill Community Foundation has been able to grant out over \$35,000 to community and economic development projects and organizations.

The O'Neill Community Foundation exists to improve the quality of life here in O'Neill, now and forever, and to build a culture of giving. The Foundation exists to help our community. For information, visit the Foundation's website at www.oneillcommunityfoundation.org.

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