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Reasons to Celebrate!!

The Tobacco Free Sarpy (TFS) Coalition has many reasons to celebrate this year. TFS played a part in helping businesses and landlords adopt tobacco-free policies. Our partnership with Sarpy County law enforcement agencies led to the completion of compliance checks of all retail tobacco license holders in an effort to keep tobacco products out of the hands of youths. The coalition has provided public education regarding the benefits of tobacco-free outdoor spaces at several community events. We also continue to provide resources on smoke-free and tobacco-free business campuses and multi-family housing. There are more than 25 Sarpy County businesses that have embraced a tobacco-free campus policy as well as 93 smoke-free multi-family housing buildings. Sarpy County tobacco license holders have a 97% compliance rate in keeping tobacco out of the hands of minors.

Tobacco Free Sarpy held its annual recognition luncheon at Bellevue University in March. Alex Brown, Prevention Specialist from LiveWise Coalition., served as Master of Ceremonies. Keynote speakers, Robin Larsen from SAC Federal Credit Union, Doug Huggins from Sumtur Amphitheatre and Margaret Stamp from Highland Meadows Apartments spoke on the importance of smoke-free and tobacco-free policies at their facilities.

"We come together once a year to share our history and show our accomplishments in the fight against tobacco. The celebration would not be possible without the commitment of our community partners and their efforts to reduce tobacco use." said TFS Coordinator McKinsey Mulroy. "We have made great strides in Sarpy County and as we continue to spread our message. Our luncheon highlights the community's success."

Those honored have played a role in youth prevention, policy change and advocating for Tobacco Free Sarpy.

Those Recognized:

Business of the Year:

MISSION

To promote and to advocate for healthy tobacco-free lifestyles through public policy, education and enforcement in Sarpy County.

GOALS

- Reduce exposure to secondhand smoke
- Reduce health disparities related to tobacco use in Sarpy County
- Reduce youth access to tobacco
- Reduce tobacco use within Sarpy County

Tobacco Free Sarpy Officers

- Alex Brown, President
- Curtis Rainge, Vice President
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Staff

- McKinsey Mulroy, Coalition Coordinator
- Becky Smart, Associate

Fiscal Agent

- Alegent Creighton Health

L to R: Carol Maguire, Customer Relations with Alegent Creighton Health Midlands Hospital, presented award to Robin Larsen, Sr. Vice President of Operations with SAC Federal Credit Union.



Retailer Recognition Award:



L to R: Curtis Rainge, Community Relations Coordinator with Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, presented award to Kevin Mandina, Owner of Big Dog's.

L to R: Sergeant Bryan Waugh, La Vista Police Department, presented award to Jeff Stangl who accepted it on behalf of JD's Liquor Locker.



L to R: Officer Justin Larsen, Bellevue Police Department, presented award to Omar Kambi, Owner of Tobacco King.

TFS Partner of the Year:

L to R: McKinsey Mulroy, Tobacco Free Sarpy Coordinator, presented award to Jennifer Green, Director of LiveWise.



TFS Volunteer of the Year:

Midlands Hospital

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Upcoming Events:

June 26, 2014
Tobacco Free Sarpy monthly coalition
Alegent Creighton Health



L to R: Officer Carl Grubb, Bellevue Police Department, presented award to BJ Stussy.

Midlands Hospital
11111 S 84th Street
Papillion, NE 68046
11:30-1:00

TFS Legacy Award:

L to R: Jeff Soukoup, Tobacco Free Nebraska, presented award to Joan Friedman.



If you or someone you know is a tobacco advocate and should be recognized, please contact Becky Smart at (402) 593-3642.

Meet the new Chair of TFS



Alex Brown

Alex received his Juris Doctorate from the University of Nebraska College of Law and was admitted to the Nebraska Bar in 2011. He has been a member for Tobacco Free Sarpy County since 2012 where he has served on the Clean Air committee and assisted the coalition with numerous projects. Alex is currently a Prevention Specialist with the LiveWise Coalition where he works to prevent drug and alcohol use among youth in the Region 6 service area.

"Come Home to Fresh Air"

We are happy to report that there are 93 multi-family buildings in Sarpy County that offer smoke-free housing. TFS recognized Papillion Heights and Tuscan Apartments in April for their smoke-free policies. "TFS has had a large amount of requests for educational materials on smoke-free housing. The increase is due to recent apartment fires in the metro area from poorly discarded cigarettes" said Becky Smart, TFS Associate. "We supply landlords and managers with educational materials along with sample leases to help with the implementation of a smoke-free policy."

L to R: Pam Jackson, Property Manager, Papillion Heights Apartments and Becky Smart, TFS Associate



L to R: McKinsey Mulroy, TFS Coordinator, and Steven Bonham, Erica Gardner and Justin Druskis with Tuscan Apartments

Did you know?



Early coal mines did not feature ventilation systems so legend has it that miners would bring a caged canary into new coal seams. Canaries are especially sensitive to methane and carbon monoxide, which made them ideal for detecting any dangerous gas build-ups. As long as the bird kept singing, the miners knew their air supply was safe. That's why our smoke-free housing logo is adorned with a singing canary.

COMPLIANCE CHECK RESULTS

January - March 2014

Of the 95 tobacco retail businesses checked by the Bellevue Police Department, LaVista Police Department and the Sarpy County Sheriff's Office, three locations in Sarpy County sold tobacco to minors, resulting in a 97% compliance rate.



Vapor Products Now Illegal to Sell to Minors

On April 9th, 2014, Nebraska Governor Heineman approved legislation which brings several important changes impacting the sale and display of

cigarettes, cigars, vapor products (e-cigarettes and similar products), alternative nicotine products," or tobacco in any form. Nebraska Legislative Bill (LB) 863 which, among other provisions, added vapor products to the list of tobacco-based items that are illegal to sell to minors younger than 18. To read about the other tobacco-related changes, please see the final bill:
<http://nebraskalegislature.gov/FloorDocs/Current/PDF/Slip/LB863.pdf#law>

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