



RICHLAND WILKIN
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2025 Annual Report



“Stronger, More Vibrant Communities for All”

Dear Friends & Supporters,

As I reflect on 2025, I am filled with gratitude for the generosity and commitment of our community. Because of your support, the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation was able to make a meaningful impact across our region.

In 2025, we awarded a total of 24 grants totaling \$85,500, supporting 20 different organizations.

Through our spring and fall grant cycles, we distributed \$75,500, and an additional \$10,000 was awarded through our Power of 100 initiative. These investments continue to strengthen the places we live, work, and raise our families.

At the same time, the need in our communities continues to grow. **This past year alone, we received requests exceeding \$100,000 that we were unable to fund. This gap reminds us that our work is far from done—and that every gift truly matters.**

We are encouraged by the momentum we're building together. Last year, our annual golf scramble achieved its best results yet and is projected to provide \$25,000 in grants for 2026. In addition, our endowment balance is approaching \$900,000 as of December 31, 2025—a strong sign of long-term sustainability and impact.

Looking ahead, we are excited to continue growing our reach and invite you to join us at our **2026 Golf Scramble on July 16th**.

On a personal note, I am stepping away from my role as Board Chair. I want to express my sincere appreciation for the opportunity to serve this incredible organization. I am confident in the future of the foundation and am pleased to introduce our next Board Chair, George “G4” Schuler, whose leadership and passion for our community will guide us forward.

Thank you for being part of this important work.

With gratitude,
Char Schuler
Outgoing Board Chair



Greetings all,

I am excited to continue the work of the foundation and take on the role of Advisory Committee Chair. I am confident in our ability to continue to grow the RWCF funds and provide grants to deserving organizations and projects in our two county area.

Thank you to Char for her leadership, and thank you to our many supporters who have built the foundation into what it is today. I am looking forward to our next chapter!

George Schuler IV
Incoming Board Chair

Our Advisory Committee



RWCF Advisory Committee members at the Power of 100 event in September 2025: Back row, left to right: Troy Thimjon, George Schuler IV, Nathan Berseth, & Jake Kubela. Front row, left to right: Ryan Smith, Scott Nicholson (Development Director), Char Schuler, Jana Pfingsten, Lauren Maas, & Kristen Hasbargen.

The Richland Wilkin Community Foundation is guided by an Advisory Committee of local residents who help promote the fund and recommend grant awards. Each member may serve a maximum of three, three-year terms. The current committee members are:

George Schuler IV, Chair	Minn-Kota Ag Products manager
Kristen Hasbargen.....	ND Health & Human Services
Ryan Smith.....	Edward Jones Financial Advisor
Jacob Kubela.....	Kubela Flooring, Inc.
Tara Klostreich	NDSCS Staff
Janet Yaggie	Farm Family and Community Volunteer
Jana Pfingsten.....	Marketing Executive
Nathan Berseth	BankForward Development Officer
Lauren Maas	Community Volunteer
Char Schuler	NDSCS Faculty
Jayce Miller (Not Pictured)	Tyler Farm Supply, Farm Owner

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Our Endowment Fund

The Richland Wilkin Community Foundation permanent endowment fund was established in 1984 by a group of area business owners. Originally called the Breckenridge/Wahpeton Community Foundation, the name changed in 2016 to better represent the area it serves. Donations and gifts to this fund are invested and a portion of the earnings is granted out every year to projects and programs that improve the quality of life for Richland and Wilkin County residents. Funds distributed from the permanent fund are designed to be reinvested locally through nonprofit organizations in the region.

The Elmer & Lucille Hoffert Fund was established in 2004 and is a sub-fund of the RWCF’s endowed fund. Although it is a separate fund, it’s grantable balance every year is awarded with RWCF grants.

Market value of our assets on 12/31/2025: \$879,164

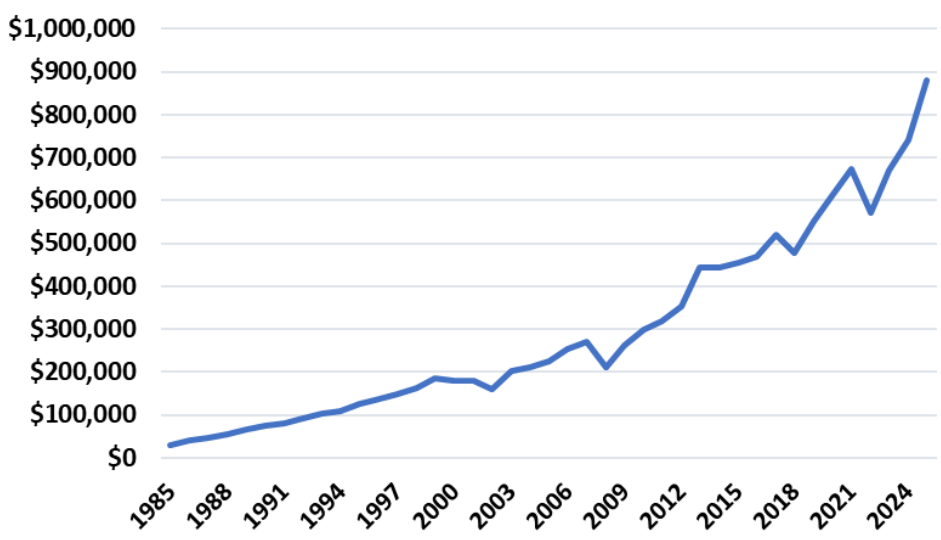
- Richland Wilkin Community Foundation Fund: \$822,119
- Elmer & Lucille Hoffert Fund: \$57,045

Total Gifts to the RWCF Endowment in 2025: \$21,839

Total Grants Awarded in 2025: \$27,500

Asset Growth Since Inception

Balance as of December 31 of every year



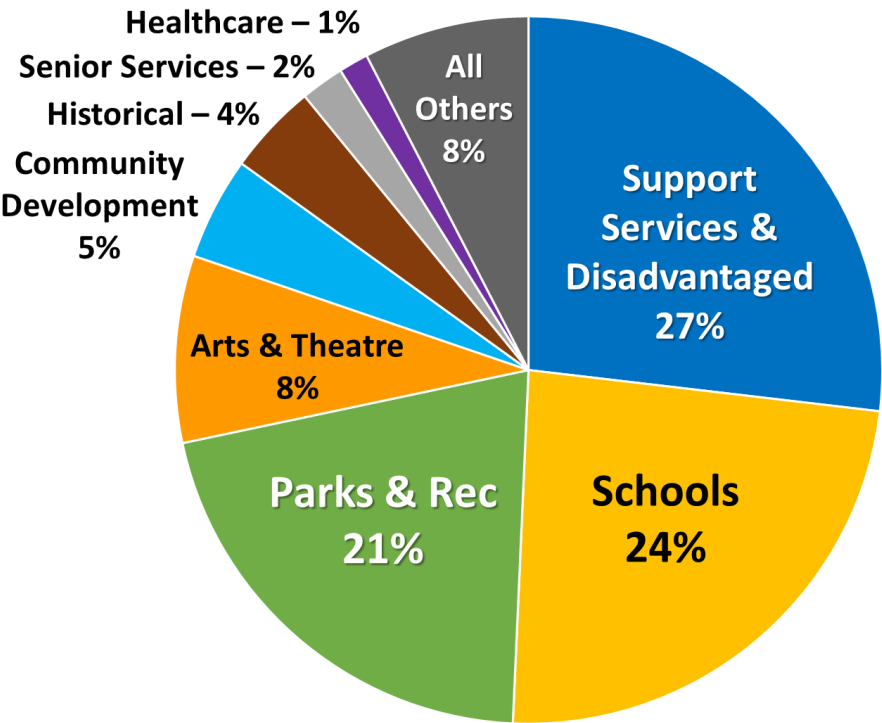
Grants from our Endowment Fund in 2025



- Richland Wilkin Emergency Food Pantry (backpack program) .. \$10,000
- Three Rivers Crisis Center (Kids Konnection) \$9,700
- Humane Society of Richland-Wilkin Counties (dog play area) \$1,550
- Breckenridge United Methodist Church (Christmas concert)..... \$1,500
- Wyndmere Child and Adolescent Resources and Education (CARE) for the Nest Playspace Enhancement \$1,500
- Hankinson Public School (Missoula Children’s Theatre)..... \$1,000
- Riverbend Community Theatre (spring production) \$1,000
- Hankinson Community Betterment Club (tree lighting event)..... \$750
- CHI Health at Home - Breckenridge (bereavement program) \$500

Total Awarded in 2025 \$27,500

Endowment Fund Grants Since Inception*



* Includes grants from the Hoffert Fund

RWCF Annual Campaign Fund

Balance in our fund on 12/31/2025:	\$48,987
Total Gifts to the RWCF Annual Campaign in 2025:	\$43,305
Golf Scramble Proceeds	\$25,000
All other gifts	\$18,305
Total Grants Awarded in 2025:	\$48,000

Grants from our Annual Fund in 2025

• Richland-Wilkin Kinship (youth mentoring)	\$10,000
• Community Connection, Community Closet (thrift store)	\$10,000
• Cares for Cancer, Inc.	\$5,000
• City of Breckenridge - Family Community Center	\$5,000
• U of MN Foundation for Wilkin County 4-H	\$5,000
• Red Door Art Gallery & Museum (Wahpeton Fine Arts Festival)	\$3,750
• Wahpeton/Breckenridge Headwaters Music Festival (6th annual)	\$3,750
• Three Rivers Crisis Center	\$2,300
• Wyndmere Public School (Poetry Slam)	\$1,500
• A Place for Friends (computer station)	\$900
• Breckenridge Public School (Project U)	<u>\$800</u>
Total Awarded in 2025	<u>\$48,000</u>



Growing Our Impact: Fundraisers and Gifts



Thanks to all who donated to our Foundation in 2025, whether you sponsored or participated in our annual Golf Tournament, bought soup at the OSPTI fundraiser, responded to our annual appeal letter, or gave in some other way!





Soup Day
November 12th, 2025 11 AM - 1 PM

Free Will Donation
— all proceeds benefit the

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- ☒ Soups
- ☒ Bread
- ☒ Desserts



RWCF Power of 100



The Richland Wilkin Power of 100 is a form of social giving. The community gathers for an event where three charities share their story. After enjoying food, beverages and entertainment, attendees vote for their favorite nonprofit and they each receive a grant of some amount.

Although the fundraising piece for these nonprofit organizations is important, it's not the main reason for the events. What is more crucial: exposing area residents to the many different nonprofit organizations that are serving people in Richland and Wilkin County and explaining the role of the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation in addressing the varied needs of the area.

The 2025 event was held on September 18 at The 44, a beautiful, brand-new venue in Colfax, ND!

2025 RWCF Power of 100 Grants

- Three Rivers Crises Center..... \$5,000
- BIO Girls of Colfax/Abercrombie \$3,000
- Breckenridge Active Living Committee \$2,000

Total Awarded to Charities in 2025 \$10,000





Supporting Our Funds

There are many different ways to support the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation . . . which one works best for you?

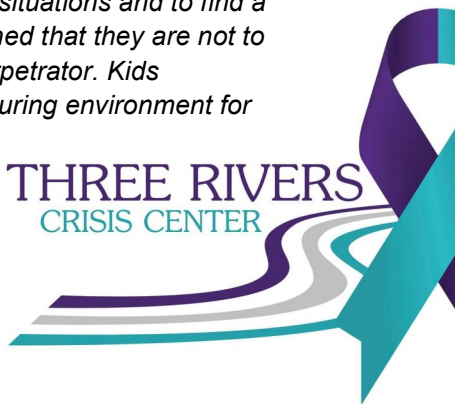
- Set up a **recurring monthly donation** that fits your budget, charged to your credit card. Just \$20 a month supports our communities in amazing ways!
- **Participate in our Golf Tournament** and have some fun when you give.
- **Transfer Stock** - transferring ownership of long-term appreciated securities directly to our fund, instead of liquidating the asset, can help maximize both your tax benefit and the overall amount available to RWCF
- **Donate agricultural commodities** - you can deduct the cost of production but don't claim the income from the sale since it's a donation.
- Make a gift to one of our funds **in memory of a loved one**.
- Make our foundation the **beneficiary (or partial beneficiary)** of your life insurance policy, 401K, or IRA.

If you have questions or would like information (or illustrations) about any of these options, please contact Scott Nicholson at 701-892-2007. Or consult your tax advisor about your particular situation.

YOUR Impact through Foundation Grants . . .

"Victims became survivors. Crisis Intervention, Advocacy, and Counseling changed the message that survivors have internalized. The message that they deserve the abuse or that they are to blame for the assault. Children learned that they are not to blame for a parent's violent act. Survivors learned that they can "make it" on their own and do not need to depend on any one person, especially one who is violent. They learned to seek help when they need it, and they realized they can make their own decisions. Child survivors of sexual abuse learned how to recognize unhealthy situations and to find a safe place or person. They too, learned that they are not to blame for the actions of a sexual perpetrator. Kids Konnection provided a safe and nurturing environment for children during supervised visits or monitored exchanges for visitations during a family crisis such as separation, divorce, and/or violence."

*- Susan Rittenour
Three Rivers Crises Center*



Leave Your Legacy in Richland/Wilkin!

Making a lasting difference in our communities or for future generations may be easier than you realize. With very simple language in your will or trust, you can help the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation (RWCF) continue to support important projects and programs in our area forever.

Gifts to the RWCF endowment fund are carefully invested by our partner foundation - the North Dakota Community Foundation - to generate a permanent source of charitable income.

If you have children or other relatives, you can leave a portion of your estate to them and a percentage to RWCF. Doing so provides for your heirs while honoring your charitable values.

If you would like to include the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation in your will, here is some sample language to consider:

"I give and bequeath to the North Dakota Community Foundation (Tax ID Number 45-0336015), a qualified charitable organization under IRS 501(c)(3), located in Bismarck, North Dakota, _____ (a percentage of the estate, specific dollar amount, or remainder of estate) for the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation, a permanent component of the North Dakota Community Foundation."

** Be sure to contact your legal advisor.*

"What a man does for himself dies with him. What he does for his community lives long after he is gone."

- Theodore Roosevelt

For more information...

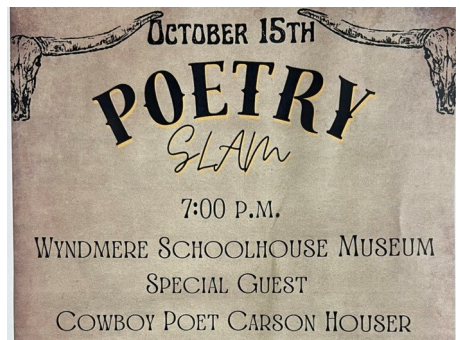
If you have any questions about charitable giving, the North Dakota 40% income tax credit, or the various RWCF funds, please contact Scott Nicholson or talk to a member of the RWCF Advisory Committee. There is no obligation and we are happy to help.

More information can also be found on our Facebook page or on our website: www.NDCF.net/RichlandWilkin.



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Our Impact . . .



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