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## 2023 Annual Update

*A Status Update for Donors and Supporters of Rugby's Permanent Endowment Fund.*



**Wow! The Rugby Community Endowment Fund has awarded over \$250,000 in grants since its inception!** That says a lot about this community and the great people who live and work here - we take care of ourselves and each other and give back in amazing ways!

What many people may not know is that the Rugby Community Endowment Fund is only one of several funds that support our area. Other funds have been established in the past with different purposes, but the same end result: a better quality of life for future generations of Rugby residents. Some of these funds are listed on the back, as well as information about the opportunity to create new funds.

Thank you to our generous donors in the past and present and thank you to our grantees who work hard to provide services to our community - we are happy to be your partner in philanthropy!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our other Advisory Committee members: Susan Selensky, Dale G. Niewoehner, Theone "Toni" Stevenson, or Robert Wilmot.

- Galen J. Mack, Chair

### **\$22,300 Awarded in 2022**

- **Little Flower Catholic School:** \$7,500 for additional technology and flooring
- **Village Arts, Inc.:** \$5,800 for a stage curtain purchase
- **Rugby Lions Club:** \$3,000 to support their summer Music in the Park series
- **Tri-County Senior Meals & Services:** \$2,000 for Nutrition Services for the elderly
- **Rugby Chamber of Commerce:** \$1,500 to update the informational kiosk at the Geographical Center Monument
- **Pierce County Food Pantry:** \$1,500 to support their 2022 Christmas food baskets
- **Rugby's Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:** \$1,000 to continue providing books to children ages 0-5

Grants are usually awarded once a year. Any organization with a 501(c)(3) status or government agency may apply. Applications are available online at [www.NDCF.net/Rugby](http://www.NDCF.net/Rugby). ◇

### **Rugby Community Endowment Fund**

- Established in 1981
- Market Value as of 12/31/22: **\$528,110**
- Total Gifts to the Rugby CEF in 2022: **\$8,967**
- Total Grants awarded in 2022: **7 grants totaling \$22,300**
- Total Grants Awarded since inception: **227 grants totaling \$262,417**



*Music in the Park has been going on for over 25 years and has featured great ND performers such as Kat Perkins and Tigirlily Gold.*

## Philanthropy in Many Forms

The Rugby Community Endowment Fund (RCEF) is one of several funds at the North Dakota Community Foundation that support the Rugby area, including

- **Little Flower Fund I:** established in 1981 to financially assist the Little Flower School in Rugby
- The **Rugby High School Alumni Scholarship Fund:** established in 1985 to provide scholarships to graduating seniors of Rugby High School who are pursuing a post-secondary education.
- **Little Flower Fund II:** established in 1992 to provide income to the Little Flower School, and the Little Flower Church if the School should close.
- The **Rugby Public School Foundation Non-Endowment Fund,** established in 2022 to support the ongoing needs of the Rugby Public School system.

Donations can be made to any of the funds listed above at any time at [NDCF.net/Donate](http://NDCF.net/Donate).

In addition, individuals or families can establish other funds to support the organizations, schools, communities or charities they would like. Other types of funds at NDCF include:

- **Donor-Advised Funds:** the donor or their designee(s) recommends grant awards every year.
- **Special Purpose Funds:** the donor specifies when the fund is created which organizations should receive the grant dollars and NDCF carries out their wishes every year.
- **Organizational Endowment:** an endowment fund that benefits one particular organization to further their mission (such as the Little Flower Funds above).

All of the endowed funds at NDCF are managed as “qualified North Dakota endowment funds” and gifts may qualify for the State 40% Income Tax Credit. Contact Kara Geiger at [Kara@NDCF.net](mailto:Kara@NDCF.net) or 701-222-8349 for more information about any of these funds, the tax credit, or options for establishing a new fund.



### Andrew Axtman died in 2015.

In 2022, he helped update the informational kiosk at the Geographical Center Monument.



Andrew lived his whole life in Rugby, ND, farming on the family's homestead south of town. He worked hard and was very philanthropic, sharing what he had. Andrew left a gift in his will to the Rugby Community Endowment Fund. The fund gives grants every year for projects in the area that improve residents' quality of life.

**His last gift will last forever.**

## What will YOUR Legacy be?

Call Kara Geiger of the North Dakota Community Foundation at 701-222-8349 for a free, confidential, no obligation conversation about the legacy you would like to leave in your hometown. We have helped hundreds of North Dakotans create their own unique plan and improve the lives of future generations in their community forever.

**Leave Your Legacy in Rugby.**

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

- Theodore Roosevelt

### Questions or want more information?



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The Rugby Community Endowment Fund is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides comprehensive charitable planning services including donor gift planning, bequest planning and the ability to accept complicated gifts, as well as financial/money management services including an annual audit. For more information about NDCF, contact Kara Geiger, NDCF Development Director at 701-222-8349.