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ELLENDALE

Area Community Foundation

2025 Annual Update

Dear Friends,

You may notice a change in this year's report - because our community foundation has been around for over 25 years we decided it was time we had our own logo! Our committee worked with Angela Goering at Simple Wolf Media here in Ellendale, to develop a logo to represent our foundation. We are proud to unveil it to you in this annual report.



Our logo is unique - just like our community fund, which has supported projects and programs in Ellendale and the surrounding area since 1998.

The chart on the back shows how our fund has grown over the years - we thank everyone who has invested in our community through this fund. It has allowed us to provide significant grants, totaling more than \$500,000 right back into organizations here in Dickey County. And it will continue to do so in perpetuity.

If you ever have a question about this permanent endowment fund, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the Advisory Committee members: Chad Durham, Monica Mertz, Jeff Glynn, Lana Norton, Dahltin Pahl and Lori Young.

- Aaron Tschosik, Advisory Committee Chair

\$40,310 Awarded in 2025*

The Ellendale Area Community Foundation awarded 15 grants in May of this year:

- **Ellendale Park Board** - \$7,000 for tennis/pickleball court resurfacing and lighting
- **O.P.E.R.A., Inc.** -
 - \$3,000 for 2025 gallery exhibits/entertainment
 - \$2,500 for the annex renovation
- **Ellendale Community Ambulance** - \$5,000 for the ambulance replacement
- **Ellendale 4-H Archery Club** - \$5,000 for the purchase of tournament equipment
- **Ellendale Fire Protection District** - \$4,500 for interior attack fire nozzles
- **Ellendale Area Arts Council**
 - \$2,000 for Summer Concerts in the Park
 - \$2,000 for EAAC "Kids Art"
- **Friends of the Dakota Prairie Walking Trail** - \$2,000
- **Fullerton Fest** - \$2,000 for music acts for the 2025 Fullerton Fest, music acts
- **Ellendale Police Department** - \$1,610 for new squad car decals
- **Ellendale Country Club** - \$1,500 for greens sanding
- **Dickey County 4-H Council** - \$1,000 for the Ellendale Buzz Garden
- **Ellendale Public Library** - \$700 for The Love of Reading
- **Caring Hearts Community Resource Centers, Inc.** - \$500 for the 4th Annual Karlee Ortman Memorial Angel Tree

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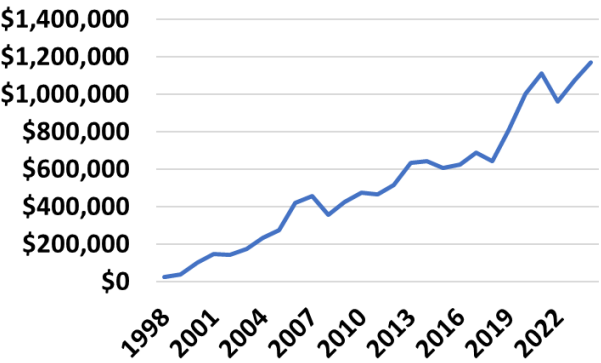
- **Established in 1998**
- **Total Market Value of Fund (as of 12/31/2024): \$1,168,006**
- **Total Gifts to the Ellendale fund in 2024: \$19,300**
- **Total Grants in 2024: 17 grants totaling \$40,290**
- **Total Grants awarded since 1998 (including 2025): 277 grants, totaling \$487,055**

* includes data from the Ellendale Healthcare Fund and the Bill & Leona Meyer Fund, which also benefit the Ellendale area

Fund Growth Over the Years

The Ellendale Area Community Foundation (EACF) ended 2024 with a market value of over \$1.1 million!

The chart below shows the growth of the EACF's net assets over the years.



More than 90 different businesses and individuals have donated to this fund since its inception, but the largest gifts have come from

- Frank and Mary JoAndrea Larson (more than \$140,000)
- North Dakota Community Foundation matching grants (more than \$85,000)
- Starion Bank (more than \$57,000)
- The Dickey County Memorial Hospital Association (\$108,000 for EACF and the Ellendale Healthcare Fund, which also benefits our community and is counted in our total assets).
- The Estate of Gary Lynn Rekow (almost \$37,000)
- Bill Meyer (\$32,000 for the Bill & Leona Meyer Fund, which is a subfund of EACF)

Thank you to the many donors who have helped build and continue to give to the EACF for the future of Ellendale!

Charitable-Giving Experts

The Ellendale Area Community Foundation, the Bill & Leona Meyer Fund, and the Ellendale Healthcare Fund are all component funds of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). NDCF invests the money on our behalf, provides support services to our committee (including financial and marketing services), provides an annual report (and THIS report every year) and conducts an annual audit.

NDCF also has on staff charitable-giving experts who are available for consultations if people have questions about charitable-giving and its tax consequences.

We have been lucky to have worked with Kara Geiger (located in Bismarck, ND) for many years. NDCF has hired a new Development Director, however, closer to Ellendale: Scott Nicholson is based out of Wahpeton, ND, and has been working with us for many months.

While most of the interactions with NDCF staff happen at the committee level, any local resident can contact them with questions about charitable-giving. These consultations are confidential, free, and you are under no obligation to give to NDCF or the Ellendale Area Community Foundation. NDCF provides these services free of charge to help people accomplish their philanthropic goals.

If you have questions, feel free to contact Scott at 701-892-2007 or at Scott@NDCF.net. He is available via phone or is happy to meet in person if you would like more information about

- leaving a gift in your will
- Making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA
- the ND State Tax credit
- Transferring stock to a charity
- Donating agricultural commodities
- or other related topics.



Questions or want more information?



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The Ellendale Area Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides charitable giving and fiduciary services including donor gift planning, bequest planning, communications support, and an annual audit. For more information about NDCF or if you would like to make an anonymous gift, contact Scott Nicholson, NDCF Development Director at 701-892-2007 or at Scott@NDCF.net.