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## **North Dakota Community Foundation Earns National Standards Accreditation**

Bismarck, North Dakota . . . The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) has recently been accredited by Community Foundations National Standards™, a program of the Council on Foundations. The program was established to identify those community foundations that demonstrate transparency and financial responsibility, have sound principles and accountable practices, and go above and beyond federal and state law requirements.

NDCF was the first community foundation accredited in North Dakota and has maintained that accreditation since 2006.

“When people make a charitable donation to one of our funds, they trust us to manage their investment wisely and honor their charitable wishes,” noted NDCF President and CEO Steve Lipp. “This accreditation proves we are worthy of that trust.”

The process to achieve accreditation involved submitting many documents detailing the operations of the organization, including board meeting minutes, the organization’s most recent strategic plan, examples of donor outreach and community leadership, and policies for gift acceptance, investments, and grantmaking. The Accreditation Seal is only achieved by those foundations that comply with 26 distinct standards of excellence.

NDCF manages more than 1,000 charitable funds benefiting North Dakota communities, nonprofit organizations, and students. Its mission is to improve the quality of life for North Dakota’s citizens through charitable giving and promoting philanthropy. It has awarded more than \$130 million in grants and charitable disbursements since its inception in 1976 and has offices in Bismarck, Dickinson, Larimore, and Wahpeton.

For more information about the North Dakota Community Foundation, call 701-222-8349 or go online to [www.NDCF.net](http://www.NDCF.net).

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