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NDCF Recognizes Local Impact of Community Foundations During National Community Foundation Week

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Bismarck, North Dakota — The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) is celebrating the work of its local community foundations during National Community Foundation Week, November 12-18. Community Foundation Week, created in 1989 by former president George H.W. Bush, recognizes the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems.

“Our local community foundations provide funding for projects and programs that improve the quality of life in their area,” said Steve Lipp, President of NDCF. “They provide a way for residents to keep their charitable dollars local and give back to their hometown.”

NDCF currently administers community endowment funds for 69 local community foundations in North Dakota, as well as a variety of other types of charitable funds including scholarships, donor-advised funds, and organizational endowment funds, which support specific charities in the state.

NDCF has already made over 1,100 grants totaling more than \$8 million in 2025 through its various funds. These grants are used in a variety of ways to improve the quality of life for North Dakota residents. Some examples of 2025 grants include:

- A \$1,890 grant from the Sherwood/Antler Community Foundation to help purchase picnic tables for Sherwood City Park.
- A \$1,575 grant from the Maddock Community Foundation to the local historical society for new metal roofing on the country schoolhouse.
- A grant for \$11,090 from the Dickinson Area Community Foundation to Heart River Elementary for a playground.
- A \$4,000 grant from the Tioga Area Community Foundation to the Ray Food Pantry to stock their shelves.
- A \$20,000 grant from the Milnor Community Foundation to the Milnor Area Community Center for a portable stage.
- A \$7,320 grant from the Walhalla Area Community Foundation for the community’s swimming pool project.

- A \$1,000 grant from the Hope Area Community Foundation for new targets for the Hope-Page archery program.
- A \$5,000 grant from NDCF's Statewide Greatest Needs Fund to Strasburg Fire & Rescue for their new building addition.

Each community foundation at NDCF has an advisory committee made up of local residents that review grant applications and recommend grant awards to the projects and programs they believe will make the most significant impact in their area. They also lead fundraising efforts to help grow their funds for the future. NDCF's board of directors makes grant award decisions for the Statewide Greatest Needs Fund.

Grid United, an independent transmission company, utilized NDCF's network of community foundations in southwest North Dakota to distribute grant dollars through their Community Investment Program (CIP). More than \$700,000 was awarded in grants through eight local community foundations under NDCF's umbrella.

Other corporations and foundations have also partnered with NDCF over the years to help improve the quality of life for North Dakota citizens through the foundation's grant systems and activities, including Conoco Phillips, the Bush Foundation, Otto Bremer Trust, and The Funders Network.

The State of North Dakota encourages donors to direct their philanthropic dollars toward qualified North Dakota endowment funds such as the community foundations at NDCF by offering a 40% State Tax Credit on certain gifts.

In addition to the main office in Bismarck, NDCF maintains offices in Dickinson, Larimore, and Wahpeton to best serve their communities. For more information or to inquire about establishing a community foundation for your hometown, go to www.NDCF.net or contact the North Dakota Community Foundation at 701-222-8349.

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Established in 1976, NDCF is a public, non-profit tax-exempt corporation which receives and distributes charitable funds to support a wide range of programs that benefit North Dakotans. It manages over \$180 million in assets in more than 1,000 component funds, including 69 local community foundations, and many organizational endowment funds, donor-advised funds, and scholarships. It has made more than \$121 million in grants since its inception with the mission of improving the lives of North Dakota citizens and their communities through charitable giving and promoting philanthropy.