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2026 Annual Update

Dear Friends,

Our partner in philanthropy, the North Dakota Community Foundation, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year!



NDCF administers our fund and its assets, sends receipts to our donors, files the proper paperwork with the IRS, provides fundraising and marketing support to our committee, and has relationships with other funding entities in the region, sometimes directing other grant dollars our way. We couldn't do it without them!

Our community and entire area has benefitted greatly from this organization that believes strongly in the power of place-based philanthropy and especially in endowed funds like ours.

Thanks to NDCF for all the support over the years and congrats on reaching this milestone!

Please reach out to one of us if you have any questions about this foundation!

Walhalla Area Community Foundation Committee:

Susan Karel, Leona Schneider, Michael Cook, Melissa Gapp, and Allysia Shakofsky

Walhalla Area Community Foundation

- Established in 2009
- Market Value as of 6/30/26: **\$257,804**
- Total Gifts to the Walhalla ACF in 2025: **\$4,850**
- Total Grants Awarded in 2025: **2 grants totaling \$7,920**
- Total Grants Awarded since inception: **25 grants totaling \$92,777**

\$7,920 Awarded in 2025

- City of Walhalla: \$7,320 for the Walhalla Swimming Pool
- ND Newspaper Association Education Foundation: \$600 for Kid Scoop News ND

Grants are 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/Walhalla



Kid Scoop News is a fun, kid-friendly newspaper designed to spark curiosity, build reading skills, and help students learn more about the world around them through engaging stories, puzzles, and educational activities. Many school districts across the state have started to include this in their curriculum and the newspaper goes home with the kids to share with their family.

One teacher noted, "Kids have very limited experience with a newspaper. That skill in itself is valuable! The articles and activities are engaging for students. The newspaper allows for less screen time, more family time, and a variety of additional knowledge they can choose to learn on their own!"

Photo from the Valley-Edinburg School Facebook page.

More About Our Partner: NDCF

The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) manages our community foundation’s endowment fund, along with hundreds of other charitable funds that benefit North Dakota communities and organizations.

In fact, NDCF manages more than 100 different funds in Northeast North Dakota, including cemetery funds (like the Andvari Hallson Cemetery Association Endowment Fund), scholarships (including the Freda J. Bulloch Scholarship that Walhalla students can apply for), community foundations (like ours), and many other funds, including the Leon Dubourt Gorge Arts Council Endowment Fund.

NDCF also offers a variety of options for donors who would like to establish their own donor-advised, field of interest, scholarship, or project fund (to raise money for a specific project or capital improvement). The organization helped us raise money for our bikeway project many years ago as well as our more recent swimming pool project.

If you want to learn more about NDCF, the services they offer, or would like their free estate-planning guide, contact Amy Stromsodt at 701-795-1531 or Amy@NDCF.net.



Long-time Walhalla resident Leon Dubourt left a gift in his will to NDCF to establish an endowment fund for the Gorge Arts Council



Don’t Forget About the Tax Credit!

The North Dakota Charitable Income Tax Credit, passed by the ND State Legislature in 2011, allows individuals that donate \$5,000 or more and businesses that donate any amount to qualified endowment funds to receive up to a 40% state tax credit.

Depending on your tax bracket, this means a \$5,000 gift to the WACF may end up only costing about \$2,000 after taking advantage of the tax credit and other deductions! (see chart below)

Gift Amount:	\$5,000	\$25,000	\$50,000
Federal tax savings*	(\$960)	(\$4,800)	(\$9,600)
ND state income tax credit	(\$2,000)	(\$10,000)	(\$20,000)
Net cost of gift	\$2,040	\$10,200	\$20,400

*Federal tax savings may change. Consult your tax advisor

Find more information about the State Tax Credit, go to the NDCF website – www.NDCF.net/40



Leave a Legacy in Walhalla

If you would like to leave some or all of your estate to the Walhalla Area Community Foundation, the bequest language is as follows:

“I give, devise and bequeath to the North Dakota Community Foundation (Tax ID 45-0336015), a qualified charitable organization under IRS 501(c)(3), located in Bismarck, North Dakota, _____(a percentage, specific dollar amount, or remainder) to the Walhalla Area Community Foundation, a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation.”

* Be sure to consult an attorney

Questions or want more information?



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The Walhalla Area Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides comprehensive charitable services including gift planning, bequest planning, and fiduciary services such as money management and an annual audit. For more information about NDCF or the Walhalla Area Community Foundation, contact Amy Stromsodt, NDCF Development Director at 701-795-1531.