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# 2025 Annual Update

*A Status Update for Donors and Supporters of Cavalier’s Permanent Endowment Fund.*

Dear Friends,

**Wow - The Cavalier Community Foundation (CCF) received more than \$53,000 in donations last year!** The Otto Bremer Trust (OBT) offered to match \$20,000 if CCF could raise \$20,000 for the CCF permanent endowment fund and many of you contributed to help exceed that goal!

**This matching gift opportunity came to CCF because of CCF’s partnership with the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF).** NDCF staff have relationships with investment advisors and other foundations all across the region. NDCF applied for a grant from OBT for this matching grant on behalf of CCF.

NDCF not only manages CCF investments, sends receipts to all donors, files the appropriate paperwork with the IRS, prints displays and other items, and cuts the checks for CCF grants, but ALSO brings in other gifts to help us grow the CCF permanent endowment fund. We are very thankful for this partnership that has brought so much to the Cavalier community!

**CCF Committee:** Margaret Bjornson-Holm, Robert W. Vivatson, Kari Helgoe, Drew Olafson, Pam Clarksean, Kaye Furstenau, Duane Deraas, or Jered Kemnitz.

## \$9,198 Awarded in 2025

CCF has awarded seven different grants to the following organizations this year. All grants awarded by CCF are to support local charitable projects. Your gift goes to work for Cavalier!

- **Cavalier All School Reunion Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee:** \$2,000 for expenses
- **Pembina County Memorial Hospital Foundation:** \$2,000 for PCMH ER and Inpatient Dept. Defibrillators
- **Cavalier Ambulance Service, Inc.:** \$1,500 for a LUCAS Automatic CPR Device
- **North Valley Career & Technology Center:** \$1,198 for technology education center building project
- **Cavalier Area Chamber of Commerce:** \$1,000 for the 2025 Music & Art in the Park
- **Growing Hope in Pembina County:** \$1,000 providing financial assistance to those fighting cancer
- **Hospice of the Red River Valley:** \$500 for the Cavalier Community Grief and Bereavement Program

## Found on Facebook . . .

*“PCHS (Pembina County Historical Society) has been awarded a Cavalier Community Foundation Grant to develop a unique bell garden (2024 grant). The garden will be located north of the Museum and at this time will feature the Backoo School bell, St Thomas’s first fire bell, St Thomas’s first school bell, and the Neche Methodist Church bell. The PCHS Board of Directors thanks the Cavalier Community Foundation for their continued support of our projects.”*



### Cavalier Community Foundation

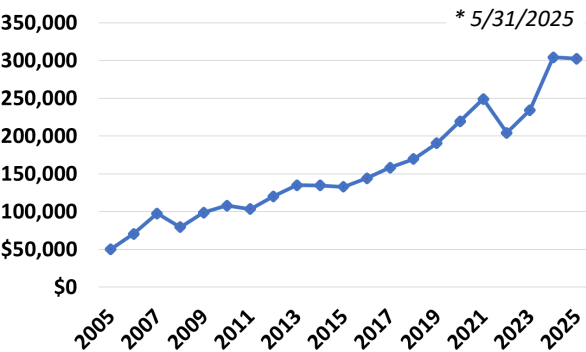
- **Established in 2005**
- **Market Value of Fund as of 12/31/2024: \$304,296**
- **Total Gifts to the CCF in 2024: \$53,358**
- **Total Grants Awarded in 2025: 7 grants totaling \$9,198**
- **Total Grants Awarded since fund inception (including 2025 grants): 150 grants totaling \$106,904**

## Fund Growth Over the Years

The Cavalier Community Foundation ended 2025 with a market value of more than \$300,000! This is a permanent fund so that money will provide grant dollars for our area forever.

**How did we get to this amount?** First, a group of local residents had the forethought to create this fund at the North Dakota Community Foundation back in 2005. Then, more than 120 different individuals, families, and businesses have donated to this fund over the years, either through fundraisers, donating online or by sending in a check. In particular, CCF received more than \$39,000 in matching gifts from NDCF and \$20,000 from the Otto Bremer Trust. Several area businesses and individuals have also donated more than \$10,000 each over the years.

The chart below shows the **fund balance as of December 31 every year** since 2005 (2025 data is from May 31). It is easy to see how last year's fundraising effort, along with the matching gift from OBT, helped the CCF fund grow!



**Thank you to the many people who have contributed to this fund over the years - you are making a permanent investment in the quality of life in Cavalier!**

Questions or want more information?



Email us at Cavalier@NDCF.net or visit our website using this QR code or at: [www.NDCF.net/Cavalier](http://www.NDCF.net/Cavalier)

## Donating Ag Commodities Makes Good Sense (& Cents)

Many North Dakotans do their charitable giving in a very tax-wise way - they gift a portion of their harvest.

*"Gifting agricultural commodities is a really smart way to give back,"* noted Amy Stromsodt of the North Dakota Community



Foundation, who works with area producers on their gifts. *"Farmers can deduct the cost of production, but the portion of the harvest that is donated does not have to be claimed as income to the self-employed farmer. This can result in thousands of dollars in tax savings as opposed to a straight gift of cash."*

The Cavalier Community Foundation can accept many different types of agricultural commodities as gifts, including livestock.

If you are interested in learning more about this giving option, contact Amy Stromsodt in her Larimore office at Amy@NDCF.net or 701-741-3193 for a free, confidential conversation. She can provide illustrations of your potential tax savings and discuss various ways to structure your gift to meet your charitable-giving desires as well as optimize your tax savings. Learn more at [www.NDCF.net/AgGifts](http://www.NDCF.net/AgGifts)



## Leave Your Legacy in Cavalier!

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

*"I give 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 Cavalier Community Foundation, a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation."*

*\* Be sure to consult an attorney*



The Cavalier Community Foundation (CCF) is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides charitable giving services such as donor gift planning and bequest planning, and fiduciary services like an annual audit. For more information about NDCF or the CCF, contact Amy Stromsodt, NDCF Development Director at 701-741-3193.