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2020 Annual Update

A Status Update for Donors and Supporters of Dunn County's Permanent Endowment Fund.



This has certainly been an interesting year, and it's not over yet. But although a lot has changed, some things remain constant: the strength of our community, our love for our neighbors and friends, and the resilience of North Dakotans.

Another constant is our community's permanent endowment fund. We continue to award grants from this fund every year to projects and programs in our community that need support. And this will continue forever, since our fund is permanently endowed.

The value of this resource became especially apparent this year, as we all try to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. Our Advisory Committee was able to award \$1,720 to the Dunn County Historical Society to purchase a special sprayer and chemical disinfectant to clean the museum. What a blessing to have these funds available to cover unexpected expenses in our area!

We encourage everyone to consider making a donation - large or small - to the Killdeer Area Community Foundation this year. Obviously, the larger our foundation, the more and larger grants we can give out every year in Killdeer, Dunn Center, Manning, Halliday, and other communities in Dunn County. You can make a donation online or send a check to the address on the back. If you would like to make an anonymous gift to our foundation, please contact John Heinen at 701-590-4614. Otherwise, feel free to call me or committee member Daryl Dukart with any questions!

- Carrie Boister, Committee Chair

What is a Community Foundation?

A community foundation receives gifts and donations from individuals, families, and businesses, and grants money back into the community for projects and programs that improve the quality of life for area residents. For the Killdeer Area Community Foundation, that "community" is defined as all of Dunn County.

The community foundation is guided by a local Advisory Committee, which leads fundraising efforts and recommends grant awards. We partner with the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF), which provides fiduciary and charitable-giving services like an annual audit and donor gift-planning.

"The beauty of a fund like this is that it's not tied to any one cause or organization," said John Heinen with NDCF. *"Each year, the Advisory Committee will review applications from charitable organizations and community groups and recommend programs to receive funding."*

The Killdeer Area Community Foundation has awarded four grants so far and the amount they are able to grant grows every year as donations increase the value of their fund:

- **2017: Dunn County Social Services - \$500** for Christmas for Kids
- **2018: Hill Top Heritage Foundation - \$799** for a Mini Golf Course in cooperation with Killdeer City Parks and Hill Top Home of Comfort
- **2019: Grassy Butte Quick Response Unit - \$670** for a SKED Rescue System
- **2020: Dunn County Historical Society - \$1,720** for sanitizer and disinfectant.

Grants are awarded from the fund's interest earnings once a year. Any organization with a 501(c)(3) status or government agency providing services in Dunn County may apply. Applications are available online at www.NDCF.net/Killdeer.

Killdeer Area Community Foundation

- **Total Assets (as of 11/30/20): \$93,727**
- **Total Grants Awarded since 2017: 4 grants totaling \$3,689**

Philanthropy Can Drive Economy

Philanthropy and the nonprofit sector often play an important role in the growth and vitality of a community.

Local philanthropy, especially in the form of a local community foundation, can capture financial resources that would otherwise leave an area. Once captured, those resources can be applied to address issues in a community, improving the quality of life for area residents and potentially attracting new ones.

Actual examples of projects partially or completely funded with community foundation grants include:

- Re-purposing of a historic bank building into a working steakhouse for a town that lacked a fine dining establishment (Anamoose, ND)
- Building a community center for events, wedding receptions, regional meetings, and other gatherings, all of which had to be held elsewhere as there was no suitable space in town. (Pembina, ND)
- Bringing a week-long theatre workshop to town so that local schoolchildren, who have no other opportunity to participate in theatre, can experience acting and working together to put on a performance (Cavalier, ND)

These projects are examples of what can be accomplished through local charitable giving. Large and small gifts to these community foundations were combined together to make those grants possible. When considering ways to support economic growth and community vitality, remember that philanthropy is a critical piece of the puzzle.



The Dickinson Area Community Foundation is helping create Friendship Park in Dickinson - an all-inclusive playground for children of all abilities - to improve the quality of life for area residents and their children. Another great example of how philanthropy plays an important role in a community!

The Power of a Recurring Gift

If you'd like to support the Killdeer Area Community Foundation but can't write a big check all at once, consider setting up a recurring monthly gift online. Just \$10 or \$25 every month would help our fund steadily grow and the process is simple!

"The ease of use of the online system had my reoccurring donation set up in a few minutes," explains Cory McCasky, a regular donor to the Rural Leadership North Dakota Alumni Endowment Fund. *"The ability to pay with a debit or credit card makes it easy to keep a consistent contribution and chose an amount that is budget friendly. While I may not be able to provide a lead gift, I can provide for long term growth of the fund."*

Cory determined an amount of money he was comfortable giving every year and divided it into 12 easy donations. Then he set up the recurring gift online and receives a receipt every time a donation is processed.

To set up a recurring gift to our foundation, follow the steps below:

1. Go to www.NDCF.net/Killdeer
2. Click on the "Donate Now" button
3. Choose "Recurring Donation Amount" and fill in the amount of money you wish to donate every month.
4. Follow the instructions to complete the checkout process.

You will receive a tax receipt for your donation and you can change the amount or frequency of your gifts at any time.

Thank you for supporting our school, park district, library, fire & ambulance, and entire area through our foundation!



Questions or want more information?



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The Killdeer Area Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides comprehensive charitable services including donor gift planning, bequest planning, and fiduciary services such as accounting, audit, and money management. For more information about NDCF, contact John Heinen, NDCF Development Director at 701-590-4614.