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# 2024 Year End Report

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

Dear Friends,

An article in The Chronicle of Philanthropy last year noted that rural areas in America receive much less charitable funding from national foundations than they should based on population. This doesn’t come as a big surprise to many of us who live in “flyover country.” The Midwest and especially its rural areas are often overlooked.

While this statistic may be discouraging to some, it is actually *inspiring* to me and others on our committee. We don’t wait for help or handouts from national organizations to build projects or support programs here in Drayton - while we appreciate any support we can get, we are busy building our own charitable resource in the Drayton Area Community Foundation.



Check out the article on the back that shows how our fund has grown over the years - thanks to all who have helped us get this far!

- Rob Boll, Advisory Committee Chair

Committee Members

Leroy Aufenkamp	Sally Kliniske
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## \$6,200 Awarded in 2024

The DACF awarded a total of \$6,200 in three different grants in 2024 to the following organizations:

- **Drayton School Agriculture Department** - \$3,000 for Planting Agri Innovators
- **Rendezvous Region Foundation** - \$2,400 for the Rendezvous Region Talking Trail
- **Pembina County Meals & Transportation** - \$800 - Reduced Medical Rides for Drayton Area Residents

Grants are awarded once a year and applications are accepted from August 15-September 30. More information and an online application are available at [www.NDCF.net/Drayton](http://www.NDCF.net/Drayton)



*The Drayton Park Board received a grant from the DACF in 2022 to help pay for a new pool liner since the old liner had multiple leaks.*

**Drayton Area Community Foundation**

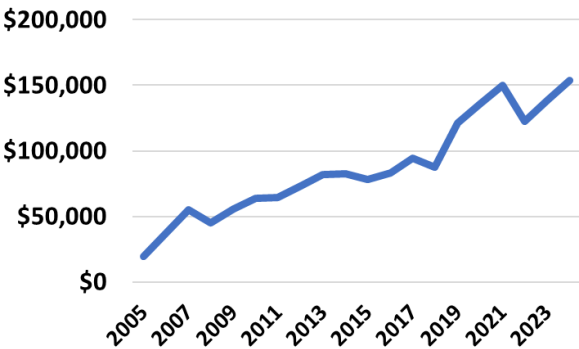
- **Established in 2005**
- **Market Value of Fund as of 12/31/24: \$153,475**
- **Total Gifts to the DACF in 2024: \$4,336**
- **Total Grants Awarded in 2023: 3 grants totaling \$6,200**
- **Total Grants Awarded since inception: 61 grants totaling \$56,749**

## Fund Growth Since Inception

The Drayton Area Community Foundation ended 2024 with a market value of more than \$153,000! This is a permanent fund so that money will provide grant dollars for our area forever.

How did we get to this amount? First, the 2005 Consumer Math Class at Drayton High School had the forethought to create this fund at the North Dakota Community Foundation with an initial gift of \$18,000. Then, many people have donated to this fund over the years, either through fundraisers or by sending in a check. In fact, our fund has received gifts from 195 different individuals, families, organizations, and businesses since our inception!

The chart below shows the **fund balance on December 31 every year** since it started. What impressive growth!



Thank you to everyone who has made the Drayton Area Community Foundation a part of your annual giving plan - we appreciate your support in building a resource for our community!

## Leave Your Legacy in Drayton!

If you would like to leave some or all of your estate to the Drayton Area Community Foundation, the 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 **Drayton Area Community Foundation**, a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation."*

*\* Be sure to consult an attorney*

## 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 Drayton Area 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 at [Amy@NDCF.net](mailto: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)



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