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New Rockford Community Foundation's

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2025 Annual Update

Dear Friends,

The New Rockford Community Foundation has been able to do some incredible things in our area, thanks to many donors over the years.

We know, however, that these projects wouldn't be possible without the numerous partners who receive these grant dollars and put them to work—the nonprofit organizations, community volunteers, and service providers who are building a better life for our residents through their projects and programs. **Thank you for the great work you are doing every day in our area!**

You can see our most recent grants at the right. In total, this foundation has made 76 grants to local organizations totaling more than \$58,000!

We invite everyone to join us in building this fund so it can support important initiatives in our area well into the future. **In particular, we encourage area residents to leave a gift of some kind in their estate plan—sample language is on the back.**

If you ever have any questions about this foundation, please don't hesitate to contact me or any other member of the local Advisory Committee: Laura Hager, Kerri Allmaras, Amy Ellingson, Alyson Myhre, Becki Schumacher, Barbie Granger, or Melanie Quinton.

- Josh Guler, Chair

New Rockford Community Foundation

- Established in 2008
- Total Market Value of Fund (as of 9/30/2025): **\$230,039**
- Total gifts so far in 2025: **\$30,741**
- Total grants awarded in 2025: **3 grants totaling \$6,380**
- Total grants awarded since 2008: **76 grants totaling \$58,026**

\$6,380 Awarded in 2025

The New Rockford Community Foundation (NRCF) awarded three grants in May of 2025 to the following organizations:

- **Central North Dakota Steam Threshers Inc:** \$2,500 for event chairs for the Potter building
- **New Rockford Area Betterment Corporation:** \$2,500 for the Rockford Theatre rebuild
- **Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd:** \$1,380 for a tandem bicycle

Grant applications are accepted once a year and are due by April 30. Any 501(c)3 organization or government agency can apply. Go to www.NDCF.net/NewRockford for more info.



Lutheran Home of the Good Shepherd (LHGS) used their grant money from NRCF to help pay for a tandem bicycle for their residents. A staff member can take a resident on a bike ride around town, stop at the Rockford Café, one of the Summertime Outdoor Markets, or another event, keeping them connected to the community. Photo from LHGS's Facebook post on July 23, showing residents enjoying their new bike!

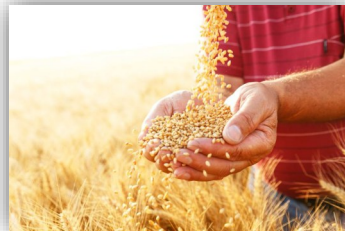
The New Rockford Community Foundation has awarded several grants to the New Rockford Park District over the years, including one in 2023 to help build the new warming house/ canoe & kayak rental building!



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 Kara Geiger 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 New Rockford 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 Kara Geiger at Kara@NDCF.net or 701-222-8349 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.



"Do what you can, with what you have, where you are."

- Theodore Roosevelt

Questions or want more information?

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Save the Date: February 20, 2026!



We had so much fun last year with Duely Noted Dueling Pianos that we're bringing them back!

Join us on Feb. 26 for dinner and a show at the Eagles - purchase tickets from any committee member or Amanda at City Hall!

Leave Your Legacy in New Rockford!

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

** Be sure to consult an attorney*



The New Rockford Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides charitable giving and fiduciary services including donor gift planning, bequest planning, and an annual audit. For more information about NDCF or the New Rockford fund, contact Kara Geiger, NDCF Development Director at 701-222-8349.