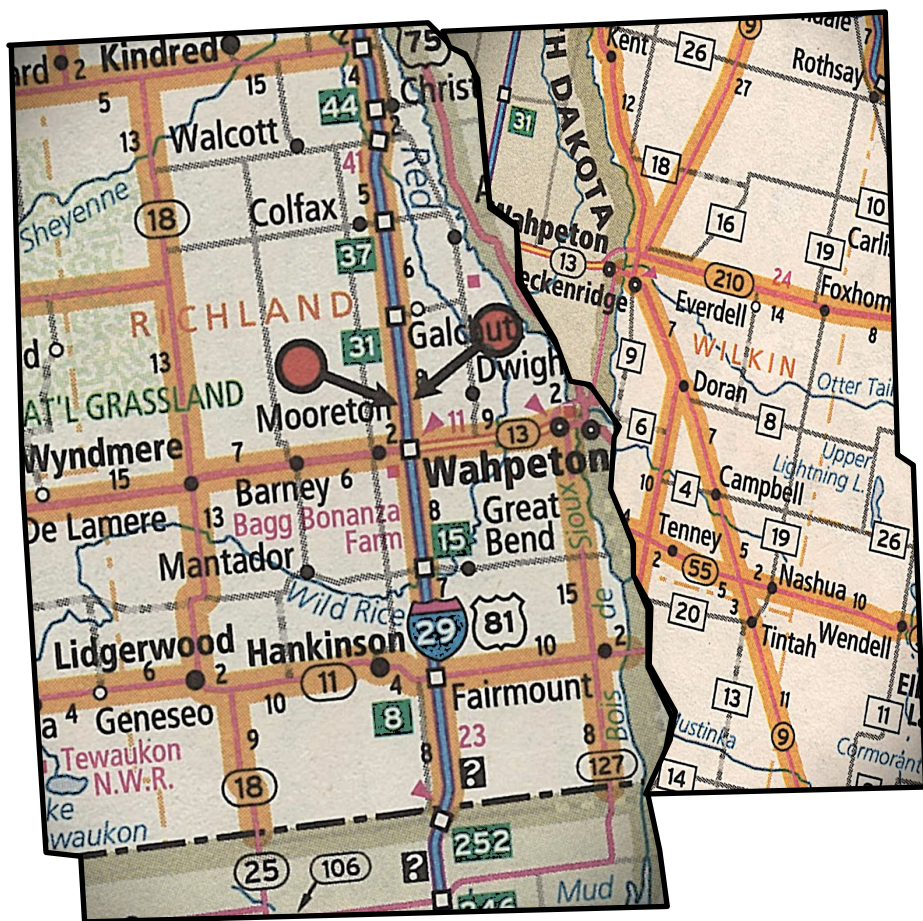




**RICHLAND WILKIN**  
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# 2024 Annual Report



***“Stronger, More Vibrant Communities for All”***

## *Dear Friends and Supporters,*

As we reflect on the past year, it has been another impactful and inspiring time for the Richland-Wilkin Community Foundation. We have embraced change, celebrated achievements, and strengthened our commitment to enhancing the communities we serve.

This past year, our fundraising efforts continued to grow and make a difference:

- We upheld our tradition of *"entertainment with purpose"* through our **Power of 100** events. These gatherings highlighted three outstanding organizations each evening, bringing attention to the incredible work being done in our region. Stay tuned for exciting further details on our fall event!
- We were once again grateful for the partnership of **Titan Machinery**, which sponsored and organized another successful golf fundraiser, directly supporting our mission. We are looking forward to another enjoyable day of golf this July, this year adding another community partner – **Vaderstad**.
- We continued to expand the **Ag Partner Program**, strengthening the bond between local farmers and the Richland-Wilkin Community Foundation, truly a win-win initiative for all involved.
- Thanks to these efforts and the generosity of our supporters, we proudly awarded **32 grants to 23 different organizations and projects**, totaling **\$86,325** in grant funding in 2024. These grants have empowered local nonprofits and initiatives to create lasting, meaningful improvements in our communities.

Our mission - to make this a better place to work, live, and raise our families - remains the foundation of all we do. As we look ahead, we are filled with excitement and determination to build on our successes and continue making a tangible impact on our region.

**Your support is what makes this possible.** Thank you for being an essential part of our journey. Together, we are creating stronger, more vibrant communities for all.

*Warm regards,*

*Char Schuler*, Board Chair



The Richland Wilkin Community Foundation and its separate funds are all component funds of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). NDCF was established in 1976 and provides marketing, fiscal, and administrative support to our local foundation as well as over 950 other funds in the state. [www.NDCF.net](http://www.NDCF.net).



Our Advisory Committee



*RWCF Advisory Committee members at their meeting in February 2025: Back row, left to right: Tara Klostereich, George Schuler IV, Lauren Maas, Pamela Broderick; Front row, left to right: Ryan Smith , Development Director Scott Nicholson, Char Schuler.*

The Richland Wilkin Community Foundation is guided by an Advisory Committee of local residents who help promote the fund and recommend grant awards. Each member may serve a maximum of three, three-year terms, and then must leave the committee to ensure good community representation.

Char Schuler, Chair .....	NDSCS Faculty
Tara Klostreich, Secretary .....	Daily News, Publisher
Kristen Hasbargen .....	ND Health & Human Services
Ryan Smith.....	Edward Jones Financial Advisor
Pam Broderick.....	Sanford Health/Retired
Troy Thimjon .....	Farm Owner
Janet Yaggie .....	Farm Family and community volunteer
Jana Pfungsten .....	Marketing Executive
Nathan Berseth .....	Bell Bank Development Officer
George Schuler IV .....	Minn-Kota Ag Products manager
Lauren Maas .....	ComDel Innovation

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# Our Endowment Fund

The Richland Wilkin Community Foundation permanent endowment fund was established in 1984 by a group of area business owners. Originally called the Breckenridge/Wahpeton Community Foundation, the name changed in 2016 to better represent the area it serves. Donations and gifts to this fund are invested and a portion of the earnings is granted out every year to projects and programs that improve the quality of life for Richland and Wilkin County residents. Funds distributed from the permanent fund are designed to be reinvested locally through nonprofit organizations in the region.

The Elmer & Lucille Hoffert Fund was established in 2004 and is a sub-fund of the RWCF’s endowed fund. Although it is a separate fund, it’s grantable balance every year is awarded with RWCF grants.

## Market value of our assets on 12/31/2024: \$742,656

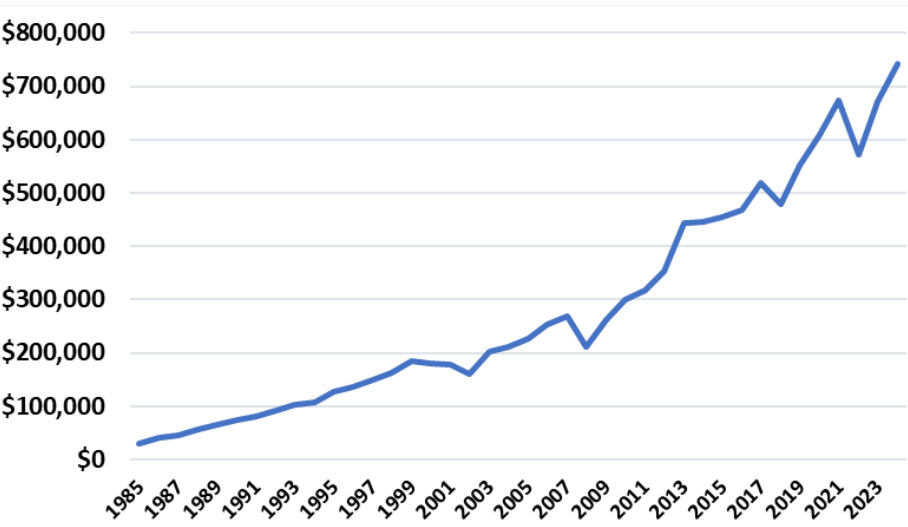
- Richland Wilkin Community Foundation Fund: \$689,695
- Elmer & Lucille Hoffert Fund: \$52,961

**Total Gifts to the RWCF in 2024:** \$25,770

**Total Grants Awarded in 2024:** \$24,520

## Asset Growth Since Inception

Balance as of December 31 of every year





Grants from our Endowment Fund in 2024



Spring 2024

- City of Breckenridge - Family Community Center .....\$5,000
- Valley Lake Boys Home.....\$1,500
- Red Door Art Gallery & Museum .....\$1,500
- CAPLP - Lakes and Prairies Community Action.....\$1,100
- Breckenridge Wahpeton Chess .....\$500
- Hankinson Park Board .....\$500

Fall 2024

- BIO Girls .....\$3,500
- Red Door Art Gallery.....\$3,320
- Someplace Safe.....\$2,400
- Breckenridge United Methodist Church .....\$1,500
- Breckenridge Public Schools .....\$1,500
- PARTNERS .....\$1,500
- Richland Wilkin Cemetery Association .....\$1,000
- Wilkin County Historical Society .....\$700
- Breckenridge Wahpeton Chess .....\$500

Total Awarded in 2024.....\$24,520



*PARTNERS provides foot care for seniors in Foxhome & Rothsay. Scott Nicolson, Development Director for the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation presented their 2024 grant check to Chairperson, Shirley Nelson (left) and Program Director, Pamela Iverson.*

# RWCF Annual Campaign Fund

The RWCF continues the important work of partnering with local employers to raise funds to meet the needs our local non-profit organizations. Building on the legacy of the former United Way, we continue to engage in an annual campaign that incorporates local employers and their employees who generously give through their company payroll. The RWCF in turn, will coordinate with the local non-profit network to distribute funds as effectively as possible. The local advisory committee is a cornerstone of the RWCF and is able to make decisions to best fit the ever-changing needs our communities.

In 2024, RWCF partnered with Titan Machinery and Vaterstad to host an 18-hole golf scramble at the Bois De Sioux Golf Course. Golfers enjoyed beautiful weather while swinging their way to prizes and awards. Many corporate sponsors also contributed to make this a fun and successful event.



The Agricultural Partnership program that was started in 2022, continues to be a resource for area farmers to be able to support our nonprofit community by gifting a portion of their harvest. By coordinating with the local elevators and tax professionals, RWCF is able to accept gifts of agricultural commodities, which has significant tax benefits to our producers.



**Through all these fundraising efforts, RWCF’s Annual Campaign Fund was able to grant over \$50,000 to local nonprofits!**

Thank you to all of the individuals and companies that contribute to our annual campaign. Whether you are an individual that makes a one-time gift, an employee that engages in recurring work-place giving, a sponsor of our golf tournament, or one of our agricultural partners, we appreciate the contributions from each and every one of you!

<b>Balance in our fund on 12/31/2024:</b>	<b>\$117,091</b>
<b>Total Gifts to the RWCF Annual Campaign in 2024:</b>	<b>\$53,082</b>
<b>Total Grants Awarded in 2024:</b>	<b>\$50,580</b>

Grants from our Annual Campaign in 2024



Spring 2024

- Richland-Wilkin Kinship ..... \$10,000
- Richland Wilkin Emergency Food Pantry Inc. .... \$5,000
- Southeastern North Dakota Community Action Agency ..... \$5,000

Fall 2024

- Three Rivers Crisis Center ..... \$12,000
- Richland Wilkin Emergency Food Pantry Inc. .... \$5,000
- Children’s Discovery Center..... \$5,800
- Twin Town Skatepark Phase 2 Committee ..... \$5,000
- Red Door Art Gallery & Museum..... \$2,780

Total Awarded in 2024 .....\$50,580



Grant delivery to the Twin Town Skatepark for their second phase of construction at the Breckenridge Family Community Center.



# RWCF Power of 100

The Richland Wilkin Power of 100 is a form of social giving. The community gathers for an event where three charities share their story. Participants are asked to donate \$100 or more per event. After enjoying food, beverages and entertainment, attendees vote for their favorite nonprofit. The money is divided up between the charities in attendance that night.



Although the fundraising piece for these nonprofit organizations is important, it's not the main reason for the events. What is more crucial: exposing area residents to the many different nonprofit organizations that are serving people in Richland and Wilkin County and explaining the role of the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation in addressing the varied needs of the area.

**Save the Date for our 2025 Power of 100 event:**  
**Thursday, September 18th at The 44 Venue in Colfax!**





**May “Springtime Fun” event**

- City of Abercrombie ..... \$2,750
- City of Breckenridge..... \$1,650
- Wahpeton/Brckenridge Headwaters Music Festival ..... \$1,100

**September “Harvest Celebration” event**

- Children’s Discovery Center ..... \$2,850
- Richland-Wilkin Kinship ..... \$1,725
- Bagg Bonanza Farm Historic Preservation Society..... \$1,150

**Total Awarded to Charities in 2024..... \$11,225**



## Supporting Our Funds

There are many different ways to support the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation . . . which one works best for you?

- Set up a **recurring monthly donation** that fits your budget, charged to your credit card. Just \$20 a month supports our communities in amazing ways!
- **Attend the Power of 100** and have some fun when you give.
- **Transfer Stock** - transferring ownership of long-term appreciated securities directly to our fund, instead of liquidating the asset, can help maximize both your tax benefit and the overall amount available to RWCF
- **Donate agricultural commodities** - you can deduct the cost of production but don't claim the income from the sale since it's a donation.
- Make a gift to one of our funds **in memory of a loved one**.
- Make our foundation the **beneficiary (or partial beneficiary)** of your life insurance policy, 401K, or IRA.

If you have questions or would like information (or illustrations) about any of these options, please contact Scott Nicholson at 701-892-2007. Or consult your tax advisor about your particular situation.

*"Our Foot Care Clinic is for people aged 60 and over to help them maintain proper foot care, which is essential to their health, especially if they suffer from diabetes. They can come to their own hometown – whether in Foxhome or Rothsay and have this small but important service done for a fee of \$15.00. It is a great place to visit a neighbor over a cup of coffee. We have two people soaking – in separate soakers of course, as they catch up on local happenings. The minute they place their feet in the soaker, they go "ah" and a smile reaches their face. While they get their toenails clipped, they can visit in confidence with our nurse, she asks questions in regard to their health, or their activities, any changes they might be experiencing, etc. They feel comfortable with her as she has been our foot clinic nurse for 20 years. Foot Clinic Day is a busy day at PARTNERS, the soakers are humming, people are visiting, and happy feet are going out the door." - Pamela Iverson, PARTNERS*



## Leave Your Legacy in Richland/Wilkin!

Making a lasting difference in our communities or for future generations may be easier than you realize. With very simple language in your will or trust, you can help the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation (RWCF) continue to support important projects and programs in our area forever.

Gifts to the RWCF endowment fund are carefully invested by our partner foundation - the North Dakota Community Foundation - to generate a permanent source of charitable income.

If you have children or other relatives, you can leave a portion of your estate to them and a percentage to RWCF. Doing so provides for your heirs while honoring your charitable values.

**If you would like to include the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation in your will, here is some sample language to consider:**

*"I give and bequeath to the North Dakota Community Foundation (Tax ID Number 45-0336015), a qualified charitable organization under IRS 501(c)(3), located in Bismarck, North Dakota, \_\_\_\_\_ (a percentage of the estate, specific dollar amount, or remainder of estate) for the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation, a permanent component of the North Dakota Community Foundation."*

*\* Be sure to contact your legal advisor.*

*"What a man does for himself dies with him. What he does for his community lives long after he is gone."*

*- Theodore Roosevelt*

### *For more information...*

If you have any questions about charitable giving, the North Dakota 40% income tax credit, or the various RWCF funds, please contact Scott Nicholson or talk to a member of the RWCF Advisory Committee. There is no obligation and we are happy to help.

More information can also be found on our Facebook page or on our website: [www.NDCF.net/RichlandWilkin](http://www.NDCF.net/RichlandWilkin).



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# ***Our Impact . . .***



***Christmas Cantata***



***Food Pantry***



***Bio Girls***



***Headwaters Music Festival***



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