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RUGBY COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND

2025 Annual Update

Dear Friends,

You may notice a change in this year's report - because our community foundation has been around for over 40 years we decided it was time we had our own logo! Our committee worked with a local graphic designer to develop a logo to represent our foundation and we are proud to unveil it to you in this annual report.

Our logo is unique and represents Rugby perfectly. Just like our community fund, which has supported projects and programs in Rugby and the surrounding area since 1981.

The chart on the back shows how our fund has grown over the years - we thank everyone who has invested in our community through this fund. It has allowed us to provide significant grants, totaling more than $300,000 right back into organizations here in Rugby. And it will continue to do so in perpetuity.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our other Advisory Committee members: Susan Selensky, Dale G. Niewoehner, Theone "Toni" Stevenson, or Robert Wilmot.

- *Galen J. Mack*, Chair

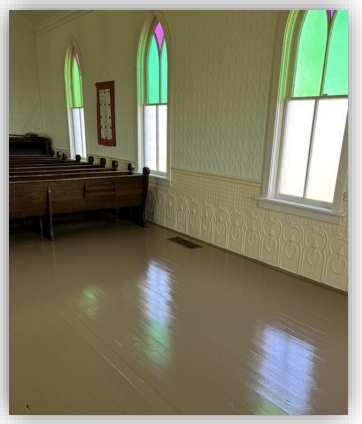
Rugby Community Endowment Fund

- **Established in 1981**
- **Market Value as of 12/31/24: $639,221**
- **Total Gifts to the Rugby CEF in 2024: $8,482**
- **Total Grants awarded in 2024: 8 grants totaling $23,070**
- **Total Grants Awarded since inception: 241 grants totaling $308,007**

$23,070 Awarded in 2024

- **Rugby Public School District:**
  - $5,370 to enhance elementary band and choir concerts at Ely Elementary
  - $3,200 to purchase a Yamaha Intermediate 4 valve tuba (used as a school rental)
- **Village Arts Inc:** $4,500 for lighting and sound improvements
- **Rugby Lions Club:** $3,000 to support their summer Music in the Park series
- **Tri-County Senior Meals & Services:** $2,500 for Nutrition Services for the elderly
- **Tunbridge Lutheran Church Preservation Society:** $2,000 for their interior painting project
- **Rugby Panther Boosters:** $1,500 for a baseball pitching machine
- **Rugby Dolly Parton's Imagination Library:** $1,000 for their Rugby program

Grants are usually awarded once a year. Any organization with a 501(c)(3) status or government agency may apply. **Applications are available online at www.NDCF.net/Rugby and are due by July 1 every year.** There is $23,140 available in the 2025 grant round.



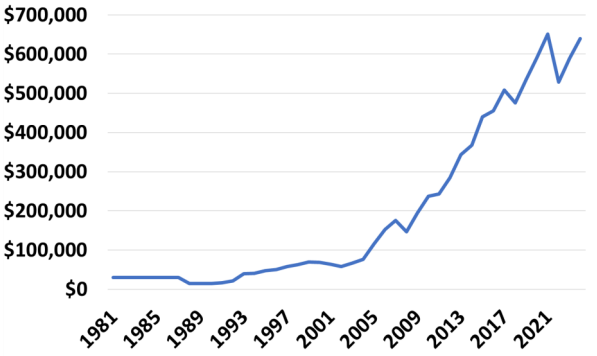
The Tunbridge Lutheran Church is an authentically preserved prairie church that can be rented for a variety of events. The grant from the Rugby Community Endowment Fund purchased paint and supplies to repaint the floors and interior.

Fund Growth Over the Years

The Rugby Community Endowment Fund ended 2024 with a market value of over $639,000!

How did we get to this amount? First, we are grateful to the Otto Bremer Trust that created this fund at the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) back in 1981 and has donated more than $78,000 to our foundation over the years. We also received two estate gifts of over $30,000 each from Charlie Bischoff (2006) and Andrew Axtman (2015). More than 170 different individuals, families, businesses and nonprofit organizations have donated to this fund over the years, either through fundraisers or by sending in a check every year. And finally, NDCF has carefully managed our investment and we have seen market growth of $232,361!

The chart below shows the **market value of our fund as of December 31 from 1981 through 2024.** We have seen some impressive growth in the last 20 years!



We continue to fundraise so that we can award more and larger grants. There are many ways to grow our fund (one example is at the right) and we encourage residents to consider leaving a portion of your estate to our community.

Thank you to all our many supporters for keeping your charitable dollars local and improving the quality of life here in Rugby!

Questions or want more information?

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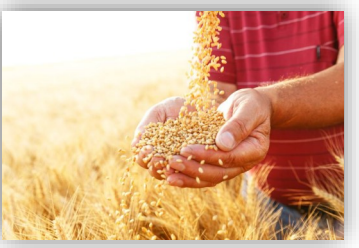
Donating Ag Commodities Makes Good Sense (& Cents)

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 Rugby Community Endowment Fund 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 chartable-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

The Rugby Community Endowment Fund is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides comprehensive charitable planning services including donor gift planning, bequest planning and the ability to accept complicated gifts, as well as financial/money management services including an annual audit. For more information about NDCF, contact Kara Geiger, NDCF Development Director at 701-222-8349.