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## **NDCF Recognizes Local Impact of Community Foundations During National Community Foundation Week**

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Bismarck, North Dakota – The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) is celebrating the work of its local community foundations during National Community Foundation Week, November 12-18. Community Foundation Week, created in 1989 by former president George H.W. Bush, recognizes the work of community foundations throughout America and their collaborative approach to working with the public, private, and nonprofit sectors to address community problems.

“Our local community foundations understand area needs and are in the best position to address the issues their community faces,” said Kevin Dvorak, President and CEO of NDCF. “They are a valuable tool in funding projects and programs and provide a way for residents to give back to their area, with built-in flexibility to meet the changing needs of the community.”

NDCF currently administers community endowment funds for 69 local community foundations in North Dakota, as well as a variety of other types of charitable funds including scholarships, donor-advised funds, and organizational endowment funds, which support specific charities in the state.

NDCF has already made over 1,100 grants totaling over \$6.2 million in 2023 through its various funds. These grants are used in a variety of ways to improve the quality of life for North Dakota residents. Some examples of 2023 grants include:

- A \$1,440 grant from the Glen Ullin Community Foundation to provide flower boxes for the elderly.
- A \$2,500 grant from the McKenzie County Community Foundation to Hispanic Advocacy of North Dakota for their La Posada (Hispanic Christmas) program in Watford City.
- A \$1,610 grant from the Bottineau Community Endowment Fund to the Bottineau Food Pantry to help stock their shelves.
- A \$10,000 grant from the Carrington Community Endowment Fund to the Foster County Historical Society for an exterior painting project on the Putnam House.
- A \$10,000 grant from the Larry J. Wilwant Fund for Pembina, ND, to the City of Pembina for their 2023 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration
- A \$4,000 grant from NDCF’s Statewide Greatest Needs Fund to the Mayville Senior Center to replace their kitchen cabinets, countertops, sink and floor.

Each community foundation at NDCF has an advisory committee made up of local residents that review grant applications and recommend grant awards to the projects and programs they believe will make the most significant impact in their area. They also lead fundraising efforts to help grow their funds for the future. NDCF’s board of directors makes grant award decisions for the Statewide Greatest Needs Fund.

Grid United, an independent transmission company, utilized NDCF's network of community foundations in southwest North Dakota to distribute grant dollars through their Community Investment Program (CIP). More than \$761,000 was awarded in grants through eight local community foundations under NDCF's umbrella.

Other granting organizations and foundations have also partnered with NDCF over the years to help improve the quality of life for North Dakota citizens through the foundation's grant systems and activities, including the Bush Foundation, the Otto Bremer Trust, and The Funders Network.

The State of North Dakota encourages donors to direct their philanthropic dollars toward qualified North Dakota endowment funds such as the community foundations at NDCF by offering a 40% State Tax Credit on certain gifts.

NDCF maintains three offices across the state to best serve their communities. For more information or to inquire about establishing a community foundation for your hometown, go to [www.NDCF.net](http://www.NDCF.net) or contact the North Dakota Community Foundation at 701-222-8349.

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*Established in 1976, NDCF is a public, non-profit tax-exempt corporation which receives and distributes charitable funds to support a wide range of programs that benefit North Dakotans. It manages over \$120 million in assets in over 850 component funds, including 69 local community foundations, and many organizational endowment funds, donor-advised funds, and scholarships. It has made over \$100 million in grants since its inception with the mission of improving the lives of North Dakota citizens and their communities through charitable giving and promoting philanthropy.*