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NDCF Joins Nationwide Celebration to Recognize Local Impact of Community Foundations NOVEMBER 12–18, 2020

Bismarck, North Dakota – The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) will join in a nationwide celebration, November 12-18, 2020, to recognize the increasingly important role these philanthropic organizations play in fostering local collaboration and improving the quality of life for residents in their area.

“Community foundations are often just that – the foundation of a community,” said Kevin Dvorak, President and CEO of NDCF. “They provide a consistent financial resource for the projects and programs that make a community a great place to live. And they connect donors who want to give back with organizations in their area that need help.”

NDCF currently administers community endowment funds for 67 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.

As community foundations find solutions for communities large and small, urban and rural – it is the collective work of these organizations that will have the most profound impact. This was most evident amid this year’s coronavirus pandemic where over \$1 billion was distributed by community foundations in response to the crisis. NDCF awarded over \$697,000 in three different grant rounds to organizations in the state trying to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impacts.

NDCF has already made over 1,000 grants totaling over \$7 million in 2020 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 2020 grants include:

- A \$4,500 grant from the Tioga Community Foundation to the Tioga Park Board for picnic tables
- A \$2,286 grant from the Mott-Regent Area Community Foundation to the Maercklein Conservation & Charitable Corporation for Phase Two of the Cannonball River Restoration Project.
- A \$2,500 grant from the Garrison Area Community Foundation to the Little Lunches Backpack Program.
- A \$3,000 grant from the BisMan Community Foundation to the Morton County Council on the Aging to support their nutrition program for the elderly.
- A \$20,000 grant from the Milnor Area Community Foundation to the Milnor School District for a playground upgrade.
- Three grants of \$1,300 each from the Galesburg Area Foundation to local cemeteries to assist with maintenance.

“These grants help fund important programs and projects in these areas,” said Dvorak. “By building their local fund, communities create a reliable source of grant dollars for themselves, instead of depending on outside foundations and assistance.”

Each community foundation at NDCF has an advisory committee made up of community residents that 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.

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.

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.

For more information or to inquire about establishing a community foundation for your hometown, go to 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 currently manages over \$100 million in assets in over 750 component funds, including 67 local community foundations, and many agency endowment funds, donor-advised funds, and scholarships. It has made over \$83 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.