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2026 Annual Update

Dear Friends,

Our partner in philanthropy, the North Dakota Community Foundation, is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year!



NDCF administers our fund and its assets, sends receipts to our donors, files the proper paperwork with the IRS, provides fundraising and marketing support to our committee, and has relationships with other funding entities in the region, sometimes directing other grant dollars our way. We couldn't do it without them!

Our community and entire area has benefitted greatly from this organization that believes strongly in the power of place-based philanthropy and especially in endowed funds like ours.

Thanks to NDCF for all the support over the years and congrats on reaching this milestone!

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me or any of our other Advisory Committee members: Ron Goodman, Toni Ptacek, Anna Sell, Jennifer Person-Klein, and Denise Wagner.

John Zetocha, Chair

Oakes Area Community Foundation

- Established in 1998
- Market Value as of 12/31/25: **\$905,079**
- Total Gifts to the Oakes ACF in 2025: **\$35,403**
- Total Grants Awarded in 2025: **10 grants totaling \$27,890**
- Total Grants Awarded since inception: **252 grants totaling \$331,147**

\$27,890 Awarded in 2025

- **Oakes Public School District Parent Teacher Organization:** \$5,000 for the Oakes PTO Playground Project
- **Active Arts Club Inc:** \$4,000 to sponsor performers/artists for the Main Street Park and other venues
- **Oakes Golf Club:** \$3,390 for a groundskeeper ATV and clubhouse windows
- **Oakes Area Food Pantry:** \$3,000 to fill the shelves
- **Bear Creek Roughriders:** \$2,500 for an outdoor sound system
- **Oakes Community Hospital:** \$2,500 to replace a bedside charting Workstation on Wheels
- **Oakes Fire Auxiliary:** \$2,500 for organization start-up
- **Growing Small Towns:** \$2,000 for the Oakes Mental Health Coalition
- **Oakes Fire District:** \$2,000 for radios
- **Hospice of the Red River Valley:** \$1,000 for the Oakes area Grief and Bereavement Program

Grants are 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/Oakes.

Don't miss our annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser!

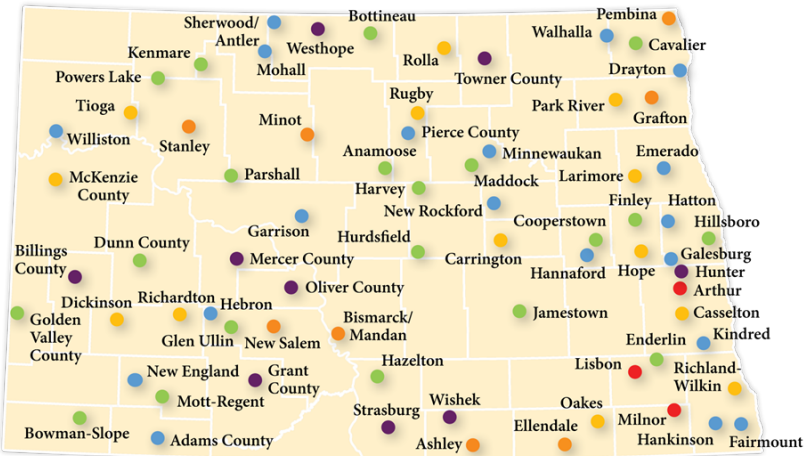
Tuesday, July 28, Oakes Golf Club
Registration @ 9am, shotgun start @ 10
Contact Ron for more info:
701-710-0368

What is Our Potential?

There are over 72 local community foundations in North Dakota, some that started over three decades ago and others that started last year.

The larger these permanent endowment funds grow, the more earnings are available for grants every year. Some funds award over \$40,000 in grants every year!

Can you help us grow our fund so that we can better support the programs and projects that make Oakes great? Consider setting up a recurring gift online or send a check to our address below. Here are some other ways to give:



Total Assets = Annual Grants

\$5 million+	\$200,000+
\$1 million - \$5 M	\$40,000 - \$200,000
\$500,000 - \$999,999	\$20,000 - \$40,000
\$250,000 - \$499,999	\$10,000 - \$20,000
\$100,000 - \$249,999	\$4,000 - \$10,000
\$0 - \$99,999	\$0 - \$4,000

- Donate stock
- Take advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover - your donation (directly from your IRA to NDCF for our fund) counts as your Required Minimum Distribution, but you can avoid taxes on it
- Give memorial gifts to our fund in honor of family members and friends.
- Donate agricultural commodities! Just instruct your elevator or broker to donate a certain number of bushels or head of livestock to the North Dakota Community Foundation (for the Oakes fund). If you donate the commodity BEFORE it is sold, you don't have to count the sale as income AND you can deduct the cost of production.
- Make the North Dakota Community Foundation (Tax ID#45-0336015), and specifically our fund, the beneficiary of your life insurance policy or a partial beneficiary of your estate.
- Take advantage of the tax credit. Individuals that give at least \$5,000 in one calendar year and businesses that donate ANY amount to

the Oakes Area Community Foundation may take a 40% state income tax credit on their gift. This generous incentive can make a significant difference at tax time!

If you'd like to have a confidential conversation about these or other charitable-giving options, feel free to contact Scott Nicholson from our partner, the North Dakota Community Foundation, at Scott@NDCF.net or 701-892-2007.



Leave a Legacy in Oakes

If you would like to leave some or all of your estate to the Oakes Area Community Foundation, the bequest language is as follows:

"I give, devise 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 Oakes Area Community Foundation, a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation."

* Be sure to consult an attorney

Questions or want more information?



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www.NDCF.net/Oakes



The Oakes Area Community Foundation is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides comprehensive charitable services including gift planning, bequest planning, and fiduciary services such as money management and an annual audit. For more information about NDCF or the Oakes Area Community Foundation, contact Scott Nicholson, NDCF Development Director at 701-892-2007.