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2025 Annual Report

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 ever have a question about our community foundation, don't hesitate to contact me or any member of our Advisory Committee: Louann Waliser, Morrie Saxerud, Dr. Derek Hiam, Andrea Sand, Breanne Carlson, Fallon Kelly, Kortney Vesel, or Jaden Olson.



-Jason Enger, Chair, LACF

Lisbon Area Community Foundation*

- **Established in 1981**
- **Market Value of Fund (as of 12/31/25): $6,813,303**
- **Total Gifts to the Lisbon fund in 2025: $5,876**
- **Total grants awarded in 2025: 21 grants totaling $233,848**
- **Total grants awarded since inception: 578 grants totaling $2,056,146**

** Includes data from the Dale & Russell Brown Memorial Funds*

$233,848 Awarded in 2025

- **Ransom County Fair Association**
  - $20,000 for a sound system for the new barn
  - $13,000 to update the lights for the Race Track
- **Lisbon Bissell Golf Club** $32,000 for club house updates
- **Lisbon Fire Department:** $25,000 for new/ updated helmets
- **Lisbon Recreation Board:** $25,000 for baseball dugouts and concession stand renovations for the State Tournament in 2026
- **Abuse Resource Network:**
  - $14,000 for Therapy/Emergency Needs
  - $10,000 for Therapy
- **Lisbon Historic Scenic Theatre:** $21,485 to update the electric service and for chinking outside
- **Fort Ransom Sodbusters Association:** $17,000 for reroofing the engine building
- **Lisbon Wrestling Club:** $13,622 for a wrestling mat
- **Riding For Dreams Adaptive Riding Program:** $9,300 for their moisture prevention ventilation project
- **Lisbon Public Schools:**
  - $4,000 for a school-based enterprise: the Bronco Store
  - $4,000 for the Lisbon Weekend Backpack Program
- **City of Lisbon:** $5,500 for 2025 flowers
- **Fort Ransom Arena Association:** $5,000 for a permanent awning over the concrete slab
- **Lisbon Public Library:** $3,041 for ebook/ audio book subscription, printing costs, and a library management system
- **Bio Girls:** $3,000 for their 2026 program
- **The House of Everyday Learning:** $3,000 for a Mobile Therapy Unit
- **Northern Lights Council of the Boy Scouts of America:** $3,000 for support of scouting in Lisbon
- **Hospice of the Red River Valley:** $1,500 for their Community Grief and Bereavement Program
- **South Valley Multi District Special Education Preschool:** $1,400 for diverse learning

More About Our Partner: NDCF

The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) manages our community foundation's endowment fund, along with hundreds of other charitable funds that benefit North Dakota communities and organizations.

In particular, NDCF administers a Statewide Greatest Needs Fund - another resource for community projects. Organizations in our area have benefitted from numerous grants from this fund over the years, including the Lisbon Opera House Foundation, the Lisbon Park District, the Lisbon Pool Preservers, and the Fort Ransom Sodbusters Association.



NDCF also offers a variety of options for donors who would like to establish their own donor-advised, field of interest, scholarship, or organizational fund to make an impact in our state. **If you want to learn more about NDCF or would like their free estate-planning guide, contact Scott Nicholson at Scott@NDCF.net or at 701-892-2007.**

Thanks to NDCF for these grants and helping us grow our own resource for the future!

Did you know . . . NDCF hosts the North Dakota Picnic in Arizona every year in March, keeping retired North Dakotans connected with their hometowns and former neighbors and friends. Learn more at **www.NDCF.net/Picnic** and make plans now to be in Mesa on Sunday, March 7!



2027 ND Picnic in AZ

Date: **Sunday, March 7, 10 am - 2 pm**

Location: **Red Mountain Park in Mesa, AZ**

Real North Dakotans Making a Difference In Their Community

Making a lasting difference in your community or for future generations may be easier than you realize. With very simple language in your will or trust, you can support the Lisbon Area Community Foundation (LACF) and continue to provide resources for projects and programs forever.

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

Other North Dakotans have left a legacy in their community:

- T.A. and Anna Solheim left 50% of their estate to their heirs and certain percentages of their estate to various nonprofit organizations, including 15% to the Minot community.
- Tom Larson was the City Manager, Assessor, and Auditor for Park River, ND. When he passed away at the age of 54, he left almost $120,000 to the Park River Community Endowment Fund.



- Our own community foundation benefitted greatly from the estate gifts of brothers Russell and Dale Brown.

If you would like to have a profound impact on the city of Lisbon and future generations, you include the following text in your will:

"I give 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 of the estate, specific dollar amount, or remainder of estate) to the **Lisbon Area Community Foundation**, a permanent component of the North Dakota Community Foundation."

* Be sure to visit with your attorney

Questions or want more information?

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