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## 2020 Annual Update

*Another Way We are Improving our Communities*

The Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation was started in 2014 with the vision that we could create a resource to sustain and support our area ourselves. And it's coming to fruition!

Our organization has awarded over \$10,000 in grants since its inception and it will continue to provide grant dollars every year. The Foundation is led by an Advisory Committee made up of local residents. We lead fundraising efforts and recommend grant awards every year.

In addition to our long-term endowment fund, our foundation is working to grow philanthropy in other ways. The Power of 100 is a new opportunity to stay connected to the needs in our community, make a difference in the lives of others and have fun at the same time - the organization has had success in other communities and we are excited to bring it to Southwest North Dakota!

If you are interested in learning more about the Power of 100, contact us (info on back). Thanks for all you do to support our area!



*Committee members left to right: Scott Hardy, Ron Palczewski, Kasey Burke, Jeanine Clendenen, Amy Fischer, and Shelby Kinkade. (Not Pictured: Teran Doerr, Ila Kelner, and Carla Teske*

### \$4,813 Awarded in 2019

The Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation Advisory Committee awarded a total of \$4,813 to the following projects and programs:

- \$2,000 to **Bowman County School District** for benchmark assessment and leveled books
- \$2,000 to **Southwest Healthcare Services** for COPE2Thrive (Creating Opportunities for Personal Empowerment)
- \$813 to the **Bowman Regional Public Library** for materials to create a Calm Down Corner



*The Magis Spin Chair in the Bowman Library's Calm Down Corner.*

### **Bowman & Slope County CF**

- **Total Market Value of Fund (as of 6/30/2020): \$198,152**
- **Gifts Made to the fund in 2019: \$15,000**
- **Grants Given in 2019: 3 grants totaling \$4,813**
- **Total Grants awarded since inception: 9 grants totaling \$10,113!**

Grants are awarded from the fund's earnings, usually once a year. Any organization with a 501(c)(3) status or government agency in Bowman or Slope Counties may apply.

Applications are available online at [www.NDCF.net/BowmanSlope](http://www.NDCF.net/BowmanSlope) and are due by September 15 every year. The local advisory committee will have over \$6,000 to award in 2020.

## Calm Down Corner Soothes

Sometimes it's the small additions or improvements that make a big difference for an organization. Take, for example, the new Calm Down Corner at the Bowman Regional Public Library, which was added last fall. The area was suggested during a partnership meeting between Bowman/Slope Multi-County Social Services and the Library Board.

*"A calm down corner or mindfulness corner is a place for angry and upset children to go to engage their minds, release their anger and regulate their emotions,"* explained Sarah Snavelly, Library Director in her grant application. Major components of a calm down corner include a comforting space with sensory, calming and engaging activities.



The library was granted \$813 from the Bowman/Slope Community Foundation during their 2019 grant round to purchase a Magis Spin Chair and a variety of other calm-down tools.

According to Snavelly, the Calm Down Corner has performed exactly as expected. *"Children (and many adults too!) have experienced the Magis Spun chair and the Calm Down corner,"* she noted. *"One little boy marched across the library to the Calm Down Corner saying, 'I need to spin and spin and chill out!' He did just that, then continued with our Tuesday Afternoon Board games. When the game got too stressful for him and he was feeling overwhelmed, he stopped himself from shouting and instead said, 'I need five more minutes in the spinny chair!'"*

Snavelly noted that librarians have seen a decrease in the intense behaviors previously exhibited. The children know what the corner is for and they appreciate the tactile toys. The Sequin Stuffed Hedgehog is the most popular one.

*"Many adults have used the Calm Down Corner as well,"* says Snavelly. *"They come into the library, sit in the chair and spin. Then they laugh. That's the best thing - breaking through the stress and anxiety with hearty laughter."*

Thank you to donors of our community foundation for making grants like this possible in our community!

## The Power of a Recurring Gift

If you'd like to support the Bowman & Slope County Community Foundation, consider setting up a recurring monthly gift online. Just \$10 or \$25 every month would help our fund steadily grow and the process is simple!

*"The ease of use of the online system had my reoccurring donation set up in a few minutes,"* explains Cory McCasky, a regular donor to the Rural Leadership North Dakota Alumni Endowment Fund. *"The ability to pay with a debit or credit card makes it easy to keep a consistent contribution and choose an amount that is budget friendly."*

Cory figured out an amount that he was comfortable donating each year, broke it down into monthly pieces, and used the online system at the North Dakota Community Foundation to set up his monthly gift. When many people give in this way, it can make a huge impact in our community!

### To set up a recurring gift to our foundation, follow the steps below:

1. Go to [www.NDCF.net/BowmanSlope](http://www.NDCF.net/BowmanSlope)
2. Click on the "Donate" button on that page.
3. Choose "Recurring Donation Amount" and fill in the amount of money you wish to donate every month.
4. Follow the instructions to complete the checkout process.

You will receive a tax receipt for your donation and you can change the amount or frequency of your gifts at any time.

Thank you for supporting our schools, park districts, senior citizens, healthcare, historical society, and entire area through our foundation!

### Questions or want more information?



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### Committee Members:

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Scott Hardy	Carla Teske	Kasey Burke
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