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## **NDCF Announces New Community Foundation in Celebration of Community Foundation Week NOVEMBER 12–18, 2018**

Bismarck, North Dakota – During the week of November 12-18, 2018, the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) will join more than 795 community foundations across America celebrating *Community Foundation Week*. For 29 years, the effort has raised awareness about the increasingly important role of these philanthropic organizations in fostering local collaboration and innovation to address persistent civic and economic challenges.

As a part of Community Foundation Week, NDCF is supporting the National Philanthropy Day activities in Fargo on November 17, to honor philanthropic leaders across the state.

NDCF currently administers community endowment funds for 65 local community foundations in North Dakota, including the most recent addition in 2018: the Hatton Area Community Foundation in eastern North Dakota.

“Community foundations provide a stable charitable resource for worthwhile programs and projects in your community,” said Kevin Dvorak, President & CEO of NDCF. “They support important pillars of a town – the school system, parks, healthcare system, senior services, and the arts in order to improve the quality of life for area residents.”

Community foundations are independent, public entities that connect businesses and individual donors who want to be philanthropic with local nonprofits that are the heart of strong, vibrant communities.

NDCF has already made over \$3 million in grants in 2018 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 2018 grants include:

- A \$2090 grant from the Williston Area Community Foundation to provide school supplies to children in foster care.
- A \$480 grant from the Emerado Community Endowment Fund to help replace the broken flagpoles at their local cemetery.
- A \$5,411 grant from the Minnewaukan Community Endowment Fund to help build a new fire hall for their rural fire protection district.
- A \$1,000 grant from the Ellendale Area Community Foundation to support the Ellendale Area Arts Council’s Summer Concerts in the Park program.
- A \$23,475 grant from the New Salem Area Community Foundation for new playground equipment at North Park.
- A \$6,000 grant from the Lisbon Community Endowment Fund to the City of Lisbon to support their Strategic Planning initiative for the community.

“These grants are possible because residents and businesses have supported their community fund over the years,” said Dvorak. “All of those donations and gifts added together grow their community fund into an incredible resource for their area.”

In addition to their community endowment funds, NDCF also manages a variety of other types of charitable funds including scholarships, donor-advised funds, and agency endowment funds, which support specific charities in the state. NDCF's Statewide Greatest Needs Fund recently awarded over \$149,000 in grants across North Dakota.

Community foundations represent one of the fastest-growing forms of philanthropy. Every state in the United States is home to at least one community foundation—large and small, urban and rural—working to advance solutions on a wide range of social issues. For local community foundations at NDCF, each fund has an advisory committee made up of local residents that recommend grant awards to the projects and programs they believe will make the most significant impact in their area.

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, contact Kevin Dvorak at 701-222-8349.

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*Established in 1976, the 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 \$80 million in assets in over 650 component funds, including 65 local community foundations, and many agency endowment funds, donor-advised funds, and scholarships. It has made over \$68 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.*