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2024 Annual Update

**EMERADO COMMUNITY
ENDOWMENT FUND**

*A Status Update for Donors and Community Supporters of
Emerado's Permanent Endowment Fund.*

Dear Friends,

A recent article in The Chronicle of Philanthropy noted that rural areas in America receive much less charitable funding from national foundations than they should based on population. This doesn't come as a big surprise to many of us who live in "flyover country" - the Midwest and especially its rural areas are often overlooked.

While this statistic may be discouraging to some, it is actually *inspiring* to me and others on our committee. We don't wait for help or handouts from national organizations to build projects or support programming here in Emerado - while we appreciate any support we can get, we are busy building our own charitable resource in the Emerado Community Endowment Fund.

This fund will generate charitable dollars for grant awards in our area forever, regardless of what other funding that may come our way. **Please consider how you can help our fund grow to be a significant resource for our area. Thanks for whatever you can do.**

ECEF Advisory Committee

Brandon Baumbach, Chair
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Emerado Comm Endowment Fund

- **Established in 2014**
- **Total Assets (as of 8/31/2024):
\$120,892**
- **Total Gifts so far in 2024: \$55,063**
- **Total Grants Awarded in 2024: 1
grant totaling \$2,000**
- **Total Grants Awarded since
inception: 11 grants totaling \$8,759**

* Includes data from the Ascension Lutheran Church Charitable Fund

\$2,000 Awarded in 2024

The Emerado Community Endowment Fund Advisory Committee awarded one grant this year to the Emerado Cemetery in August for gravel for the road in and out of the cemetery

Grant applications are accepted once a year and reviewed by the local advisory committee. All nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies that provide services to the Emerado area are welcome to apply. Go to www.NDCF.net/ Emerado for more information or to apply online.

Ascension Lutheran Leaves Legacy in Emerado

Ascension Lutheran Church in Emerado, ND, closed its doors in early 2024 after years of dwindling membership. With the proceeds from the sale of the building and its furnishings, the church made gifts to area organizations including the local food pantry, Emerado school, the new church home for many of their members (in Honeyford), and a \$50,000 gift to the Emerado Community Endowment Fund (ECECF), substantially increasing our total assets.

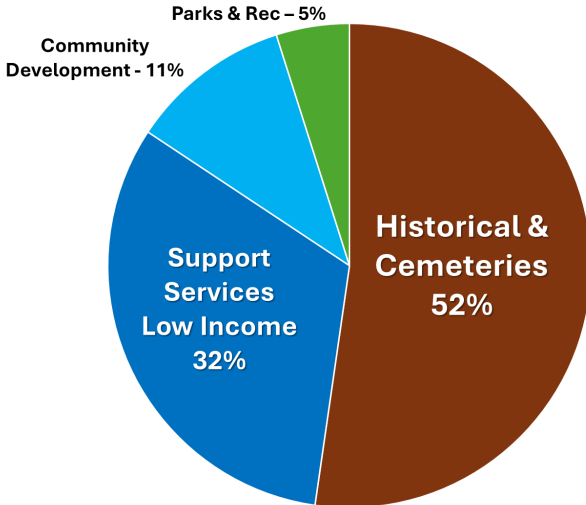
The ECEF Advisory Committee held a thank you luncheon for church members in February and gifted attendees with Christmas ornaments that featured a photo of the church and a thank you.

Forks Lathe and Plaster purchased the church building from the congregation.



Where Have Our Grants Gone?

The Emerado Community Endowment Fund has awarded more than \$8,000 in 11 different grants since 2017 to various organizations and entities in our area. Here is a breakdown of where those grant dollars have gone:



Historical & Cemeteries	\$4,580
Support Services - Food Pantry	\$2,805
Community Development (Welcome Sign)	\$946
Parks & Rec	\$429
	\$8,760

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our foundation in the past and/or supported our annual Corn Feed fundraiser. **Your generosity made these grants possible!**

Leave Your Legacy in Emerado

If you would like to leave some or all of your estate, insurance policy, or retirement account to the Emerado Community Endowment Fund, the bequest language is as follows:

*"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, specific dollar amount, or remainder) to the **Emerado Community Endowment Fund**, a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation."*

** Be sure to consult an attorney*

Corn Feed Celebrates 10 Years

The 2024 Emerado Corn Feed on August 17 brought hundreds of people to town to enjoy great food, entertainment, a car show, and numerous vendor booths.

The Emerado Community Endowment Fund Advisory Committee awarded the 2024 Golden Kernel Award to the Emerado/Arvilla Lions Club, which has been a major supporter of this event and our community for decades.

Special thanks goes to Gary Carroll who donated a Corn Cob Statue to our event! Gary was the very first Golden Kernel Awardee because of his incredible community leadership, and he continues to support Emerado and our area. Thanks, Gary!



Questions or want more information?



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The Emerado Community Endowment Fund (ECEF) 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 contact Amy Stromsodt, NDCF Development Director at Amy@NDCF.net.