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NDCF Announces New Community Foundation in Celebration of Community Foundation Week NOVEMBER 12–18, 2017

Bismarck, North Dakota – During the week of November 12-18, 2017, the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) will join more than 780 community foundations across America celebrating *Community Foundation Week*. For 28 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 16.

NDCF currently administers community endowment funds for 64 community foundations in North Dakota, including the most recent addition in 2017: the Hankinson Community Endowment Fund in southeast North Dakota.

“Community foundations are an investment in the future of your town,” said Kevin Dvorak, President & CEO of NDCF. “They provide resources for the projects and programs that improve the quality of life for community 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 expects to grant out over \$3 million in 2017 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 2017 grants include:

- A \$700 grant from the Cavalier Community Foundation to bring in the Missoula Children’s Theatre program so that kids in their school system could participate in a theatre production.
- A \$3,250 grant from the Finley Community Endowment Fund to the Finley Wildlife Club for expenses related to the Youth Pheasant Hunt.
- A \$475 grant from the Strasburg Area Community Foundation to the Strasburg Care Center for a controlled-access door locking system to improve security.
- A \$1,000 grant from the Garrison Area Community Foundation to support the Skyfest Over Fort Stevenson event.
- A \$2,000 grant from the Tioga Area Community Foundation to the Tioga Medical Center to convert a room in the facility into a Chapel.
- A \$2,935 grant from the Richardton Area Community Foundation to the Richardton Saddle Club to make improvements to their arena.

“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 \$150,000 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 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 endowment funds such as the community foundations at NDCF through a 40% State Tax Credit.

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 \$70 million in assets in over 600 component funds, including 64 local community foundations, and many agency endowment funds, donor-advised funds, and scholarships. It has made over \$65 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.