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## **Stromsodt, Geiger, and Heinen Recertified as CFREs**

Bismarck, ND—The North Dakota Community Foundation is pleased to announce that Development Directors Amy Stromsodt, Kara Geiger, and John Heinen have all been recertified by CFRE International as Certified Fund Raising Executives.

Individuals granted the CFRE credential have met a series of standards set by CFRE International which include tenure in the profession, education, and demonstrated fundraising achievement. They have also passed a rigorous exam testing the knowledge, skills, and abilities required of a fundraising executive, and have agreed to uphold Accountability Standards and the Donor Bill of Rights.

“The CFRE credential was created to identify for the public and employers those individuals who possess the knowledge, skills, and commitment to perform fundraising duties in an effective and ethical manner,” states CFRE International President and CEO Eva E. Aldrich, Ph.D., CAE, (CFRE 2001-2016). “As the certification is a voluntary achievement, the CFRE certification demonstrates a high level of commitment on the part of these individuals to the fundraising profession and the donors who are served”

CFRE recipients are awarded certification for a three-year period. In order to maintain certification status, certificants must demonstrate on-going fundraising employment and fundraising results, and continue with their professional education. Employers and donors who work with CFRE’s know they are getting a professional who is committed to the best outcomes for their organization and has the requisite knowledge and skills.

Since 1981, CFRE has set standards for fundraising professionals. As the only globally-recognized fundraising certification, CFRE indicates professionalism, confidence, and ethics. It is how today’s fundraiser shows accountability, service, and commitment to making a difference for good. The CFRE certification program is accredited by the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ANAB) and is the only accredited certification for fundraising professionals.

Stromsodt, Geiger, and Heinen all work for the North Dakota Community Foundation, a public, non-profit organization, which receives and distributes charitable funds to support a wide range of programs to benefit North Dakotans. NDCF currently manages over 950 funds for various North Dakota communities and donors, including 69 community foundations and over 150 scholarship funds. It holds assets in excess of \$138 M and to date has made more than \$105 M in grants all across North Dakota.

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