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2019 Annual Update

*Improving the Quality of Life in McKenzie County
Today and Forever*

About Us

The McKenzie County Community Foundation (MCCF) was established in 2010 to provide grant dollars to worthwhile projects and programs in McKenzie County every year. The primary focus of the MCCF is growing its permanent endowment fund, but there are many different funds under our umbrella benefiting different parts of our community.

The MCCF is run by a group of volunteers from around the county. Our primary tasks are building awareness of the MCCF, monitoring the communities' needs, granting money back into the area yearly, and assisting the community when residents have questions about donating.

We are able to make an impact with our grants because of the gifts we have received in the past. We encourage everyone to consider a gift to MCCF this year.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to date - your gifts will make a difference in Watford City and the entire area forever.

MCCF Advisory Committee

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\$10,543 Awarded in 2018

The McKenzie County Community Foundation Advisory Committee awarded a total of \$10,543 in seven different grants to the following organizations in 2018:

- Arnegard Rural Fire Department:** \$3,000 for medical supplies/trauma gear for the Fire Department and Quick Response Unit
- Long X Arts Foundation:** \$3,000 for the Homefest Art in the Park
- First Lutheran Church:** \$1,118.75 for the Free Community Thanksgiving Meal
- Watford City Police Foundation:** \$1,000 toward the Blue Santa program
- Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County:** \$1,000 for Community Outreach/Tater Tot's
- Marketplace of Ideas/Marketplace for Kids:** \$1,000 for the T4 (Tools, Trades, Torque, and Technology) program
- McKenzie County Emergency Management:** \$425 for the "I'm Not Scared . . . I'm Prepared because I Know All About Alice"



McKenzie County Community Foundation

- Total Market Value of Endowment Fund as of 3/31/19: \$235,467**
- Total Gifts to the Endowment Fund in 2018: \$16,300**
- Total Grants Awarded in 2018: 7 grants totaling \$10,543**
- Total Grants Awarded since 2010: 15 grants totaling over \$22,000**

Grants are awarded once a year. Any organization with a 501(c)(3) status or government agency may apply. Applications are available online at www.NDCF.net/McKenzieCounty.

An Example of What's Possible

Ishmael Diede and his wife Rose operated their own photo studio in Mott, ND for 38 years, providing services to a wide area of southwestern North Dakota. They retired to Bismarck in 1985 and Rose passed away in 2005. Ishmael wished for his estate to continue to benefit the communities that had supported him and his wife throughout their lives.



Ishmael & Rose Diede

Ishmael left a \$1 million gift to the North Dakota Community Foundation in his will. Per his desire, half of the money was used to create the Ishmael & Rose Diede Charitable Scholarship Fund and the other half was used to establish four community foundations in the area: Glen Ullin, Hebron, Mott-Regent, and New England.

Estate gifts are a beautiful way to leave a legacy and support the causes that are important to you long after you are gone. They don't have to be this large to make an impact and some people set up memorials in their family's name.

You can make a profound impact on future generations McKenzie County residents by leaving a portion of your estate to the McKenzie County Community Foundation. Your gift will fund projects and programs that improve our quality of life forever. You can contact NDCF for more information for your estate planner or just include the following text in your will:

"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 of the estate, specific dollar amount, or remainder of estate) to the **McKenzie County Community Foundation**, a permanent component of the North Dakota Community Foundation."

* Be sure to visit with your attorney

"What a man does for himself dies with him. What he does for his community lives long after he is gone."

- Theodore Roosevelt

One Grant Story

In March 2019, about 450 6-8th graders were able to take part in the inaugural T4 event held in the Rough Rider Center. T4 stands for Tools, Trades, Torque and Technology, and it included 20 learning stations—from electricity simulations to a full semi-truck—for students to participate in a variety of hands-on learning experiences. The program was developed by the folks behind the ever-popular Marketplace for Kids organization.



Daniel Stenberg, with the McKenzie County Job Development Authority, says his office has been working to provide a "variety of opportunities for students and employees to learn more about the jobs and have local training opportunities for the jobs that exist in our backyard."

"I think this was a great opportunity to expose our students to new opportunities that might ignite a new interest and help shape a career path," Stenberg says.

The group is assessing feedback it got from students and educators about the event and will consider bringing it back next year.

In 2018 ConocoPhillips made a contribution to the McKenzie County Community Foundation that helped make this event possible. We thank them for their support and involvement in increasing our impact!

If you would like to help improve the quality of life for our residents, and see events like this continue for our young people, please consider a gift to the McKenzie County Community Foundation in 2019. All of our gifts together will create a lasting legacy for this area! ◇



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