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2020 Annual Update

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

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, benefitting different parts of our community and meeting the quality of life needs of our community through charitable giving.

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. Welcome to our newest committee member Gaye Dvirnak!

Please consider a gift to our community foundation this year. You can donate safely online at www.NDCF.net/McKenzieCounty and set up a recurring gift - just \$20 or \$30 a month would make a difference to our community!.

MCCF Advisory Committee

Marcia Hellandsaas	Ty Skarda
Desiree Sorenson	Jan Dodge
Daniel Stenberg	Doug Rolfson
Gaye Dvirnak	

\$6,990 Awarded in 2019

The McKenzie County Community Foundation Advisory Committee awarded a total of \$6,990 in seven different grants to the following organizations in 2019:

- **Long X Arts Foundation:** \$2,000 for Senior Art Outreach
- **BIO Girls:** \$1,000 for Watford City BIO Girls program
- **Grassy Butte Quick Response Unit:** \$800 for CPR instructor supplies
- **Bakken Oil Rush Ministry - Watford City:** \$700 for the 7th Annual Christmas Event & Toy Mall
- **McKenzie County Imagination Library:** \$600 for the Imagination Library Letter Campaign
- **Badlands Search & Rescue:** \$500 for BSAR Gear & Training
- **Feed My Starving Children - Watford City MobilePack:** \$500 for program
- **Bismarck Public Schools:** \$500 for the T4 (Tools, Trades, Torque, and Technology) program, Growing "New Industry" Opportunities in Watford City in March of 2020
- **Pioneer Museum of McKenzie County:** \$390 for Tater Tot's

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 and are accepted from **September 1 through September 30 every year.** There is over \$8,000 available in the 2020 grant round. ◇

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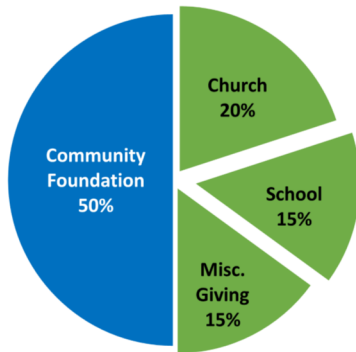
- **Total Market Value of Endowment Fund as of 5/31/20: \$258,677**
- **Total Gifts to the Endowment Fund in 2019: \$27,320**
- **Total Grants Awarded in 2019: 9 grants totaling \$6,990**
- **Total Grants Awarded since 2010: 24 grants totaling over \$28,990**

A Balanced Approach to Giving

Charitable giving is a personal decision for an individual, couple, family, or business to make. But have you considered that your charitable giving plan could include both immediate needs as well as long-term needs?

Your personal finances probably include immediate needs such as rent or mortgage payments, food, and entertainment costs. But you also likely set aside some of your income for future needs whether it's in a savings account, retirement portfolio, or perhaps a college savings plan for your kids. Because you know that someday you will need that money.

Similarly, the portion of your income that you give to charity should also be divided into current (green areas of the pie chart) and future needs (blue segment).

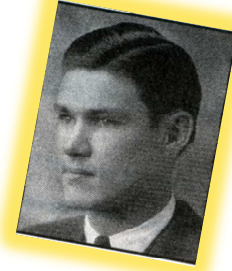


There will be nonprofit organizations that you want to support now, through their annual giving campaign, fundraising event, or capital campaign. But a portion of your charitable giving dollars every year could also be put into permanent endowment funds, supporting your community or a specific organization in the future. Putting some of your annual giving dollars into permanent funds means you recognize there will be needs in the future as well, and you want to provide more long-term support. The grants that the McKenzie County Community Foundation gave out last year were all due to the donations that we received years earlier from donors who believed in a long-term approach to their charitable giving.

The percentage of dollars that you decide to put into endowment funds is a personal decision, just like the total amount of charitable giving you budget for every year is a personal decision. But ensuring that some portion of your annual giving goes into a permanent endowment fund is sometimes the best gift you can give your community, school, or nonprofit organization!

Harry Stephenson died in 2005 at the age of 93.

In 2019, he helped repair the roof of the Pioneer Square Community Center.



Harry left a gift in his will to provide resources for communities in northeast North Dakota. The fund he created gives out thousands of dollars in grants for projects in Grafton and the surrounding area every year. **His last gift will last forever.**

What will YOUR Legacy be?

If you would like to improve the quality of life in McKenzie County long after you are gone, consider leaving a portion of your estate to the McKenzie County Community Foundation.

Leave your Legacy in McKenzie Cty.

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

- Theodore Roosevelt

Get counted!

The 2020 Census is going on now and is so important to our rural communities!

Remember the census is safe, simple, and confidential and the data will influence

decision-makers for 10 years! One missed person will cost North Dakota an estimated \$19,000 in federal funds over the next decade.

Be sure to be counted in McKenzie County! If you haven't submitted your census form yet, you can respond online at 2020census.gov. ♦



The McKenzie County Community Foundation (MCCF) is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). NDCF provides comprehensive charitable services for the local committee and its donors including donor gift planning & bequest planning, communication support, and fiduciary services including accounting, audit, and money management. For more information about NDCF contact John Heinen, NDCF Development Director at 701-590-4614.