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## **NDCF Recognizes Local Impact of Community Foundations During National Community Foundation Week**

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Bismarck, North Dakota – The North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF) is celebrating the work of its local community foundations during National Community Foundation Week, November 12-18. 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.

“Our local community foundations understand area needs and are in the best position to address the issues their community faces,” said Kevin Dvorak, President and CEO of NDCF. “They are a valuable tool in funding projects and programs and provide a way for residents to give back to their area, with built-in flexibility to meet the changing needs of the community.”

NDCF currently administers community endowment funds for 69 local community foundations in North Dakota, as well as a variety of other types of charitable funds including scholarships, donor-advised funds, and organizational endowment funds, which support specific charities in the state.

NDCF has already made over 1,100 grants totaling more than \$8.6 million in 2024 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 2024 grants include:

- A \$1,500 grant from the Kenmare Area Community Foundation to provide a thermal imaging camera for the Kenmare City Fire Department.
- A \$6,045 grant from the Rugby Community Endowment Fund for a splashpad in Rugby’s Jaycee Park.
- A \$17,804 grant from the New Salem Area Community Foundation to the New Salem Park District for a community ice rink.
- A \$8,700 grant from the Golden Valley County Community Foundation to the City of Beach for the city’s annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony decorations.
- A \$1,500 grant from the Ellendale Area Community Foundation for outdoor patio and garden upgrades at the Benedictine Evergreen Place Assisted Living community.
- A \$3,000 grant from the Park River Area Community Endowment Fund to Lil’ Spuds Childcare for their playground expansion project.
- A \$5,000 grant from NDCF’s Statewide Greatest Needs Fund to the Wimbledon Community Grocery for a year-round farmer’s market.

Each community foundation at NDCF has an advisory committee made up of local residents that review grant applications and recommend grant awards to the projects and programs they believe will make the most significant impact in their area. They also lead fundraising efforts to help grow their funds for the future. NDCF's board of directors makes grant award decisions for the Statewide Greatest Needs Fund.

Grid United, an independent transmission company, utilized NDCF's network of community foundations in southwest North Dakota to distribute grant dollars through their Community Investment Program (CIP). More than \$700,000 was awarded in grants through eight local community foundations under NDCF's umbrella.

Other granting organizations and foundations have also partnered with NDCF over the years to help improve the quality of life for North Dakota citizens through the foundation's grant systems and activities, including the Bush Foundation, the Otto Bremer Trust, and The Funders Network.

The State of North Dakota encourages donors to direct their philanthropic dollars toward qualified North Dakota endowment funds such as the community foundations at NDCF by offering a 40% State Tax Credit on certain gifts.

In addition to the main office in Bismarck, NDCF maintains three offices across the state to best serve their communities. For more information or to inquire about establishing a community foundation for your hometown, go to [www.NDCF.net](http://www.NDCF.net) or contact the North Dakota Community Foundation at 701-222-8349.

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*Established in 1976, 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 manages over \$138 million in assets in over 900 component funds, including 69 local community foundations, and many organizational endowment funds, donor-advised funds, and scholarships. It has made over \$105 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.*