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**EMERADO COMMUNITY
ENDOWMENT FUND**

2022 Annual Update

*A Status Update for Donors and Community Supporters of
Emerado's Permanent Endowment Fund.*

Our community foundation is already 8 years old and what an impact it has had on our community! Our signature event - the Corn Feed - has grown tremendously into a favorite gathering for many families. And that seed our founders planted several years ago has grown and bears fruit in other ways, too - in the form of grant dollars that we award every year! In fact, we've awarded over \$4,900 in grants from this fund since our inception.

These grant dollars have supported projects at our park district, cemetery, museum and fire department. This is the result of Emerado residents believing in the future of our community and investing in our foundation so that future generations will have the resources they need to improve the quality of life in our hometown.

Our thanks to all the donors (especially the Lions Club!) that have contributed to this fund over the years to help nourish our "apple tree". Your support allows us to have a bigger impact.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. While we are enjoying the fruits of our harvest now, we are also eager to see how much more we will grow in the future!

ECEF Advisory Committee

Brandon Baumbach, Chair
JoAnn Renfrow
Rhonda Henneman

Mike Nolan
Amy Stromsodt

2022 Grants

The Emerado Community Endowment Fund Advisory Committee awarded two grants totaling \$1,529 in 2022 to the following organizations:

- **Emerado Museum:** \$1,100 for new shelving
- **Emerado Park Board:** \$429 for a dehumidifier and two new wooden high chairs for the community center

Grant applications are accepted once a year and reviewed by the local advisory committee. All nonprofit organizations and governmental agencies that provide services to the Emerado area are welcome to apply. Go to www.NDCF.net/Emerado for more information or to apply online. ◇

*The best time to plant a tree was
20 years ago.*

The second best time is now.

- Chinese proverb



Emerado Comm Endowment Fund

- **Total Assets (as of 6/30/2022):**
\$46,188
- **Total Grants Awarded in 2022: 2**
grants totaling \$1,590
- **Total Grants Awarded since**
inception: 8 grants totaling \$4,939

What is Our Potential?

There are over 69 local community foundations in North Dakota, some that started over three decades ago and others that started last year.

The larger these permanent endowment funds grow, the more earnings are available for grants every year. Some funds award over \$40,000 in grants every year!

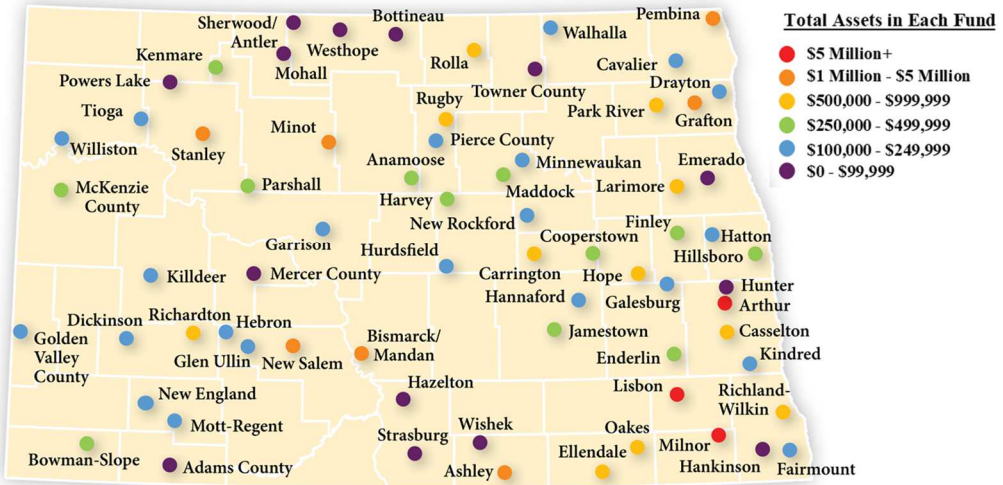
Can you help us grow our fund so that we can better support the programs and projects that make Emerado great? Consider setting up a recurring gift online or send a check to our address below.

Other ways to give include:

- Donate stock
- Take advantage of the IRA Charitable Rollover - your donation (directly from your IRA account to our fund) counts as your Required Minimum Distribution, but you can avoid taxes on it!
- Give memorial gifts to our fund in honor of family members and friends.
- Make the fund a full or partial beneficiary of your life insurance policy.
- Leave a gift in your will - it can be a specific dollar amount, percentage of your estate, or remainder after other gifts to family and friends.



If you'd like to have a confidential conversation about charitable-giving options, feel free to contact Amy Stromsodt from our partner, the North Dakota Community Foundation, at 701-741-3193 or Amy@NDCF.net ♦



8th Annual Corn Feed A Success

The 2022 Emerado Corn Feed was another huge success and the largest gathering to date - estimated at 1,000 people! The day featured bouncy castles, vendors selling their wares, food vendors, free corn on the cob husked and cooked by the Emerado-Arville Lions Club, live music, a corn hole tournament, a corn husking contest, corn cob eating contest, a water balloon toss contest, a scavenger hunt, and a car show!



The Emerado Community Endowment Fund Advisory Committee awarded the 2022 Golden Kernel Award posthumously to Curt and Roberta Hagert. The Hagerts generously donated the corn for the Corn Feed every year and helped make this event an incredible success. Curt also served on the Fund's Advisory Committee for many years. They passed away within 11 days of each other earlier this summer. Their sons, Jared Hagert and Keith Drees, accepted the award on their behalf.

Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed the day - see you next year on August 19, 2023!



The Emerado Community Endowment Fund (ECEF) is a component fund of the North Dakota Community Foundation (NDCF). Established in 1976, NDCF provides charitable giving and fiduciary services including donor gift planning, bequest planning and an annual audit. For more information about NDCF contact Amy Stromsodt, NDCF Development Director at Amy@NDCF.net.