
North Dakota Community Foundation

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Free Workshop Offered on Fundraising and Endowment Development

Concerned about your community and its long term viability? A community endowment fund is a permanent fund that generates interest to be used for community benefit; the principle is never used. A community endowment fund allows communities to access the benefits of a community foundation, without the overhead expense.

The North Dakota Community Foundation will offer a one day workshop for area residents on Thursday, March 13 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 117 Spruce Street West in Gackle.

Led by Foundation President Kevin Dvorak, the workshop day will begin with an overview of endowment funds, the process for developing a fund for a community or area, and the matching funds and resources that are available from the North Dakota Community Foundation. This is purely an informational session.

Cher Hersrud, Resource Center Director will spend the afternoon on fundraising mechanisms, including samples and examples. Fundraising information will include planning and implementation of fundraising efforts, examples of successful fundraising projects, and resource information.

The North Dakota Community Foundation has been awarded an RBOG grant from USDA Rural Development to undertake a year long process to provide information and help to expand the number of community endowment funds within North Dakota. The grant includes funds to support the workshop, which is free.

More than thirty Community Endowment Funds are managed by the North Dakota Community Foundation, benefiting both nonprofit and community programs and services. The North Dakota Community Foundation was one of the first community foundations in the country to develop this program of ongoing community support.

The workshop is free; however e-mail or telephone registration by Tuesday, March 11th is needed, to ensure adequate food and handout materials. Participants will be responsible for their own lunch; Gackle has a community cafe. To register, send an e-mail to Cher Hersrud at cher@ndcf.net or call toll-free 1-866-889-8265.

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