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Reisnour to Receive Emerging Leader Award

BISMARCK, ND – Shani Reisnour, founder and executive director for Mya’s Mission, a statewide organization serving communities across North Dakota, has been selected as the 2026 recipient of the North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations’ (NDANO) Emerging Leader Award.

NDANO will present the 2026 North Dakota Nonprofits Awards during a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. CT on June 4 in the 4-H Hall in the State Fair Center in Minot. The luncheon is the closing event for the North Dakota Nonprofit Leadership Conference. Tickets for the awards luncheon and the conference are available at www.ndano.org.

The Emerging Leader Award is given to a nonprofit professional who has made a significant impact in strengthening the North Dakota nonprofit sector in a short amount of time through his/her commitment to leadership, volunteerism, and/or philanthropy. This award is presented to early to mid-career leaders; those with less than 10 years of experience in the nonprofit sector.

Reisnour is a transformative leader whose impact is felt across North Dakota through her commitment to saving lives and strengthening communities. After the loss of her daughter, she founded Mya’s Mission Foundation and built it into a powerful, mission-driven organization that expands access to overdose prevention, treatment and recovery support. Through her leadership, she has broken down stigma around addiction and mental health, influenced first responder and veteran support systems and created pathways to care for those who might otherwise go without.

Her ability to unite sectors, mobilize resources and lead with both compassion and strategy has not only elevated her organization but also strengthened the entire recovery ecosystem statewide, making a lasting difference in communities across North Dakota.

All 2026 award recipients will be recognized at the North Dakota Nonprofit Leadership Conference, which brings together leaders from across the state to participate in educational sessions, network and exchange ideas. To register, visit www.ndano.org.

NDANO is the statewide membership association for the North Dakota nonprofit sector. Its mission is to educate, advocate and connect to strengthen nonprofits.

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