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#### **Rydell Cars to Receive Partnership Building Award**

BISMARCK – Rydell Cars is the recipient of the 2026 North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations' (NDANO) Partnership Building 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](http://www.ndano.org).

The Partnership Building Award is given to an organization that has demonstrated community leadership and built partnerships within the North Dakota nonprofit sector.

Rydell Cars lives out its vision of “being so effective that they are able to be helpful to others” through meaningful, long-term support for local families and nonprofits in the Upper Red River Valley area. Through its Angels on Wheels program, the company has donated more than 20 vehicles and invested over \$500,000 to support survivors of domestic and sexual violence, particularly in rural communities where transportation can be a major barrier to safety and services. These efforts, along with partnerships that provide gas cards, car seats and other resources, have expanded access to critical support through organizations like the Community Violence Intervention Center (CVIC). Beyond this program, Rydell has also raised more than \$1.2 million for area nonprofits through its annual benefit car and bike show, demonstrating a deep and sustained commitment to giving back. Its impact goes far beyond donations, helping survivors reach safety, access services and build a path forward for themselves and their families.

“It is an honor to present this award to Rydell Cars,” NDANO Executive Director Shawn McKenna says. “This program is truly life-changing; it doesn’t just provide transportation, it creates a path to safety, stability and hope for individuals and families who need it most.”

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