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#### **Bismarck Dream Center to Receive Partnership Building Award**

BISMARCK – The Bismarck Dream Center is the recipient of the 2025 North Dakota Association of Nonprofit Organizations' (NDANO) Partnership Building Award.

NDANO will present the 2025 North Dakota Nonprofits Awards during a luncheon at 12:30 p.m. CT on June 5 at the Holiday Inn in Fargo. The luncheon is the closing event for the North Dakota Nonprofit Leadership Conference. Tickets for the Awards Luncheon 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.

Since opening its doors in April 2022, the Dream Center has become a cornerstone of hope and support in the Bismarck-Mandan community, providing over one million meals just last year alone. With a mission rooted in partnership, the Dream Center opens its space free of charge to organizations that share its commitment to helping others. Each day, more than 500 guests find not only a hot meal, but access to critical services offered by partners like ND Job Service, Northland Health, Burleigh County Health, Bridging the Dental Gap, Alcoholics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, Memory Café, and NDSU Extension's parenting and cooking classes. Through this model of collaborative outreach, the Dream Center has helped drive life-changing transformation for families across the region. Its leadership and innovative approach to nonprofit partnership have made a lasting impact, not only in its immediate community but across North Dakota's nonprofit sector.

"It is an honor to present this award to the Dream Center, whose work has helped such a large community in so many ways. I encourage everyone to come and tour or volunteer at the facility; it is truly fantastic," says NDANO Executive Director Shawn McKenna.

All 2025 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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