### MISSION & HISTORY

NDANO’s mission is to educate, advocate and connect to strengthen nonprofits.

NDANO was founded in 1997 by state nonprofit leaders who recognized the need to strengthen nonprofit organizations in North Dakota and their ability to serve the needs of individuals and communities.

NDANO is the statewide membership association for the North Dakota nonprofit sector. Our members work in all mission areas, from human services and the environment to education and the arts, and represent all sizes, from small volunteer-run nonprofits to multi-million-dollar organizations, in all corners of the state.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

#### EDUCATE:

_A variety of learning opportunities, sector news and best practice resources_

- Held the annual Nonprofit Leadership Conference virtually over Zoom for the second time with 101 registered attendees.
- Hosted virtual peer-to-peer roundtable discussions.
- Added nine new emergency planning and four additional sustainability resources to the online Best Practices Resource Center.
- Shared more than 100 learning opportunities offered by partners, including fellow state associations such as Minnesota Council of Nonprofits and Kentucky Nonprofit Network, as well as Tech Impact, Nonprofit VOTE, GrantStation, Eide Bailly, Propel Nonprofits, and National Council of Nonprofits.
- Provided technical assistance and referrals to members and potential members.
- Published the monthly _Nonprofit Network_ newsletter and distributed information via email and social media on timely nonprofit issues.

#### ADVOCATE:

_A voice for member organizations and the North Dakota nonprofit sector_

- Advocated for COVID-19 relief for nonprofits at the state and federal level.
- Tracked 226 bills during the 2021 ND Legislative Session, actively monitoring 24 bills and taking a position on two bills.
- Recognized eight legislative charitable nonprofit champions.
- Monitored interim state legislative studies.
- Represented nonprofits in the Main Street Initiative.
- Distributed its bi-monthly Nonprofit Advocacy Matters publication in partnership with the National Council of Nonprofits.
- Distributed the 2021 North Dakota Nonprofit Sector Report.

#### CONNECT:

_A network of members throughout North Dakota and across the country_

- Engaged 185 North Dakota nonprofits as member organizations and 27 businesses, government agencies and individuals as associate members.
- Presented the Walt Odegaard Leadership Award to Heather Helgeson, the Partnership Building Award to the Community Violence Intervention Center’s Coordinated Community Response Program, and the Emerging Leader Award to Becca Baumbach.
- Posted member job openings on the website and shared via the newsletter as a free member benefit.
- Offered cost-saving/preferred partner programs for members.
- Connected North Dakota nonprofits to national issues through membership in the National Council of Nonprofits, the largest network of charitable nonprofits in the nation that serves to spot trends and share information critical to every nonprofits’ mission advancement.
FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

- Maintained a positive cash reserve ($256,692) and ended the fiscal year with revenue of $177,788 and expenses of $99,318.
- Secured funds for programs and projects through membership dues, earned income and grants.
- Received major operational support from the Otto Bremer Trust and additional project support from the Bush Foundation and Consensus Council.

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NDANO expresses its thanks to Scott Burlingame, Minot, who completed his board service in 2021.