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helping others to help themselves

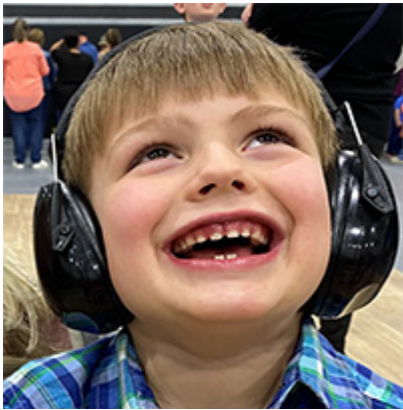
## 2022 Annual Report

### Our Purpose

NDAD (the North Dakota Association for the Disabled) is a nonprofit, charitable organization that assists people with disabilities in North Dakota. Our mission is to enhance the quality of lives of individuals facing health challenges.

### Who We Help

Here are a few of the many people who shared their NDAD story with us:



**Josiah - Steele**

**His condition:** Autism

**How NDAD helped:** Medical travel expenses to OT/PT and speech therapy.



**Audrianna, Kayden & Charleigh - W. Fargo**

**Their condition:** Behavioral Health issues

**How NDAD helped:** Respite care due to behavioral health needs.



**Gary - Grand Forks**

**His condition:** Diabetes, charcot foot and toe amputation

**How NDAD helped:** Purchased scooter lift for independence.



**Andrea - Minot**

**Her condition:** Diabetes, Cardiomyopathy

**How NDAD helped:** Medical travel expenses and medical supplies.



**Kenneth - Ellendale**

**His condition:** End Stage Renal Disease

**How NDAD helped:** Fuel assistance for monthly dialysis travel and prescription assistance.



**Teresa - Williston**

**Her condition:** Knee Replacement

**How NDAD helped:** Borrowed equipment through our Healthcare Equipment Loan Program (HELP)



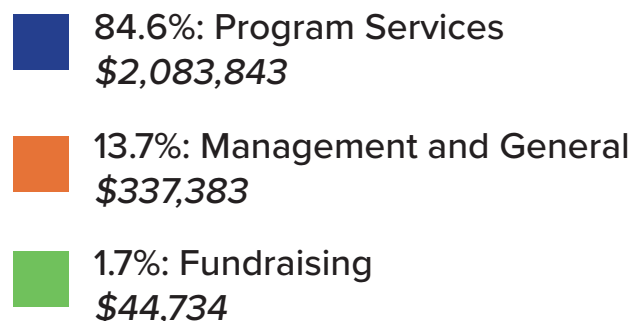
## Programs Provided

- Direct Financial Assistance
  - Healthcare Equipment Loan Program
  - Adaptive recreational events and activities
  - Community fundraising projects
  - Organ Transplant Fund
  - Information, referral and advocacy
  - Crisis residential services
  - Transitional living services
  - Housing for people with serious mental illness who are in need of supportive services
- To read more about these programs, visit [ndad.org](http://ndad.org).

## 2022 At a Glance

- 4,436 pieces of medical equipment loaned, saving North Dakotans over \$569,882
- 3,906 prescriptions filled
- 2,885 medical trips funded
- 235 pieces of medical equipment and 436 medical supplies purchases
- 196 wheelchair-accessible van loans made to 89 individuals
- 18 grants, totaling \$141,068 awarded to organizations to assist individuals with disabilities
- 5,136 accessible rides funded
- 27 people assisted with short term crisis stabilization
- 7 people with serious mental illnesses provided with supportive services to remain independent
- 39 people with a behavioral health diagnoses assisted with medication monitoring
- 34,743 interactions made, such as phone calls, emails, and other communication

## How We Spend Our Money



*\*Information based on 2021 fiscal year*

**HB 1296**  
**House Industry Business and Labor Committee**  
**Submitted by Don Santer for NDAD**  
**02/07/2023**

Chairman Louser and Committee members, thank you for the opportunity to provide information regarding the charitable gaming industry of North Dakota. I am submitting testimony in support of House Bill 1296.

My name is Don Santer, I represent the North Dakota Association for the Disabled (NDAD). NDAD is a North Dakota charity that for over 47 years has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for persons with disabilities. NDAD pays for its services with charitable gaming funds. NDAD has built and relies on the long-term relationships and mutual cooperation it develops with the bar owners it leases space from.

NDAD supports this bill because its purpose is to clean up existing language and clarify the process of obtaining a site authorization for a charitable gaming site. The accepted practice for organizations has been to obtain a rental agreement with a bar owner first and then submit the proper documentation to the local governing body for approval. For some reason, a few jurisdictions have recently reinterpreted the existing language to become a site selection entity instead of the approval entity. In effect, allowing a city to install charities of their own choosing into any location desired, even against the wishes of a bar owner. In other words, forcing a site owner to accept an organization other than the one they had a rental agreement with.

Cities should not have the power to impose or compel a bar to accept a charity they do not want when there are other eligible charities they would prefer to work with.

NDAD has been operating gaming with some of our bar owners for more than 20 years. We are concerned if more cities were to adopt this new interpretation, we could be ousted from sites we have spent years developing; including a loss of tens of thousands of dollars invested in required security equipment, furniture, surveillance equipment, and expensive gaming equipment at a site.

North Dakota has developed a highly regulated system for charitable gaming to benefit charitable missions that serve your local communities. This bill will clarify the wording in law to reflect what has historically been accepted practice. NDAD respectfully asks you to consider a **Do Pass** recommendation on **HB 1296**.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, for your time and thoughtful consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions you may have.

Respectfully,

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