

Enhancing Our Impact

2024 Annual Report

Our Purpose

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

Who We Help

Here are a few people from each of our regions who have shared their NDAD story with us. See all at ndad.org.



Kristi Dilger

(Bismarck)

Condition: Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis

How NDAD helped:
Medical Equipment



Anne Compton

(Grand Forks)

Condition: Parkinson's Disease

How NDAD helped:
Community Fundraiser



Roger Wilson

(Dickinson)

Condition: Lymphoma

How NDAD helped:
Prescription Assistance
Medical Travel, Lodging



Lynette Deaver

Condition: Anxiety, Depression, Arthritis

Larry Hanson

Condition: Anxiety, Depression, Epilepsy (Minot)

How NDAD helped:
Paratransit Assistance



Greg Lane

(Fargo)

Condition: Diabetes, Chronic Kidney Disease, Coronary Artery Disease

How NDAD helped:
Prescription Assistance, Equipment, Paratransit Assistance



Geno Williams

(Williston)

Condition: Autism

How NDAD helped:
Adaptive Recreation Assistance

Community Impact

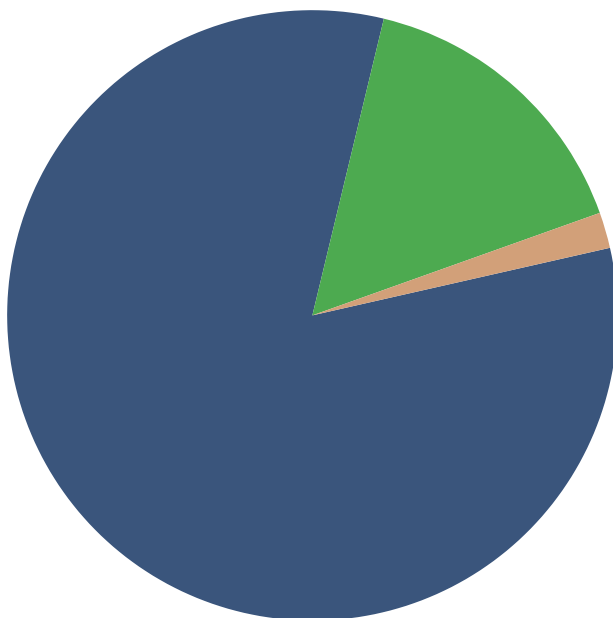
- Direct Financial Assistance
 - Prescription Medication
 - Medical Equipment & Supplies
 - Medical Travel
 - Accessibility & Paratransit
- Healthcare Equipment Loan Program
- Adaptive Recreation Events & Activities
- Community Fundraising Projects
- Organ Transplant Fund
- Information, Referral and Advocacy

To read more about these programs, visit ndad.org

2024 at a Glance

- Loaned **5,424 pieces of medical equipment** to **2,940 individuals** saving North Dakota residents **over \$664,040**
- **6,121 prescriptions** filled
- **2,134 medical trips** funded
- Purchased **328 pieces of medical equipment** and **567 medical supplies**
- **Wheelchair-accessible van loaned** to 126 individuals **for 246 trips.**
- Funds totaling **\$100,050 awarded to 24 organizations** to either assist individuals with disabilities or those otherwise at risk
- **8,049 accessible rides** funded for employment, shopping, and community events
- **4,465 hours** personal attendant care, respite care provided
- **50,665 interactions made**, such as phone calls, emails and other communication

Financial Impact*



82.4%

Program Services

\$2,235,103

15.8 %

Management & General

\$428,292

1.9%

Fundraising

\$53,248

HB 1615
House Judiciary Committee
Submitted by Don Santer for NDAD
01/29/2025

Chairman Klemin and Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information regarding the charitable gaming industry of North Dakota. My name is Don Santer, representing the North Dakota Association for the Disabled (NDAD). For 50 years, NDAD has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for persons with disabilities and health challenges across North Dakota.

NDAD is a non-profit, charitable organization serving individuals with health concerns and disabilities throughout the state from our six locations in Bismarck, Dickinson, Fargo, Grand Forks, Minot, and Williston. In 2024, NDAD assisted thousands of North Dakota residents with more than **\$2.23 million** in services and resources that may have been otherwise unavailable to them. We work diligently to avoid duplicating services provided by other state or local entities, making us a crucial last resort for many individuals.

In 2024, NDAD funded most of its services through charitable gaming funds, which enabled us to make a significant impact on the lives of people with health challenges and their families:

- **6,121 prescriptions for covered medications:** Ensuring individuals have access to necessary medications to manage their health conditions.
- **2,134 out-of-town medical travel trips:** Providing transportation for essential medical appointments, reducing the burden on individuals and their families.
- **8,049 accessible rides for employment, shopping, and community events:** Facilitating independence and participation in daily activities.
- **24 organizations were awarded \$100,050 in funds to assist individuals with disabilities or those otherwise at risk:** Supporting other organizations in their efforts to improve the lives of people with disabilities and health challenges.
- **328 pieces of medical equipment and 567 medical supplies purchased:** Ensuring individuals have the tools they need to manage their health and maintain their independence.
- **40-50 individuals assisted with adaptive recreational activities annually:** Promoting physical and mental well-being through inclusive recreational opportunities.
- **Healthcare Equipment Loan Program (HELP):** Serving several thousand households with 5,424 pieces of equipment, equating to a savings of more than \$664,000 for North Dakota residents.

Additionally, NDAD administers the North Dakota Transplant Fund and provides information, referral, and public awareness to North Dakota residents. Our mission is to

serve the residents of North Dakota, and it is through charitable gaming that we are able to fulfill this mission.

The services provided by NDAD are not just beneficial but essential for improving the lives of people with disabilities and health challenges. They offer the support needed to overcome barriers, achieve personal goals, and live fulfilling lives. By ensuring access to these services, we create a more inclusive and equitable society for everyone. We fund our services through charitable gaming funds and have built long-term relationships with bar owners from whom we lease space.

NDAD supports this bill because it aims to clean up existing language and clarify the process of obtaining site authorization for charitable gaming sites. Traditionally, after verifying eligibility to conduct gaming in a jurisdiction, organizations have obtained a rental agreement with a bar owner and then submitted the proper documentation to the local governing body for approval. However, some jurisdictions have recently reinterpreted the existing language, positioning themselves as site selection entities rather than approval entities. This reinterpretation allows cities to install charities of their choosing into any location, even against the wishes of the bar owner and sometimes the established charity. Essentially, it forces site owners to accept an organization other than the one with which they had a rental agreement.

Cities should not have the power to impose or compel a bar to accept a charity they do not want, especially when there are other eligible charities the bar would prefer to work with. NDAD has been operating gaming with some of our bar owners for more than 20 years. We are concerned that if more cities adopt this new interpretation, we could be ousted from sites we have spent years developing. This would include 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 local communities. This bill will clarify the wording in the law to reflect historically accepted practices. NDAD respectfully asks you to consider a **Do Pass** recommendation on **HB 1615**.

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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