

**SB 2384**  
**House Judiciary Committee**  
**Submitted by Don Santer for NDAD**  
**03/17/2025**

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 **Opposed** to **SB 2384**.

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. For your convenience and information, I have attached our annual report to the end of this testimony.

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. Funds raised through charitable gaming help ensure access to these services and create an environment that allows greater participation in everyday activities that most people take for granted.

**SB 2384** was an attempt by out-of-state manufacturers trying to capture larger shares of the revenue from charitable gaming in North Dakota. Our local distributors provide essential jobs and services to charities and should not be excluded. Charities rely on these local service providers not just for bingo cards and pull tabs, but also for maintaining all gaming equipment, including electronic gaming devices. Quick service is crucial, and our local distributors offer almost 24/7 support, which an out-of-state manufacturer may not provide.

Although this bill was amended to take out the direct sales to charities, we are still concerned the manufacturers will use the opportunities this bill will afford them to have one-on-one communications with site owners in an attempt to influence game choice and undermining relationships with the existing charity and the local distributor. Our local distributors are vital to the economy, providing jobs and services. Eliminating them will lead to job losses and negatively impact the local economy.

NDAD stands behind **North Dakota-based** gaming distributors. SB 2384 can significantly harm local distributors and the charities they serve. It is crucial to consider these potential consequences and ensure that any changes do not harm the local economy or limit options for charities.

NDAD respectfully asks for a **Do Not Pass** recommendation on **SB 2384**.

Thank you, Chairman Klemin and members of the committee. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,

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# 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](http://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

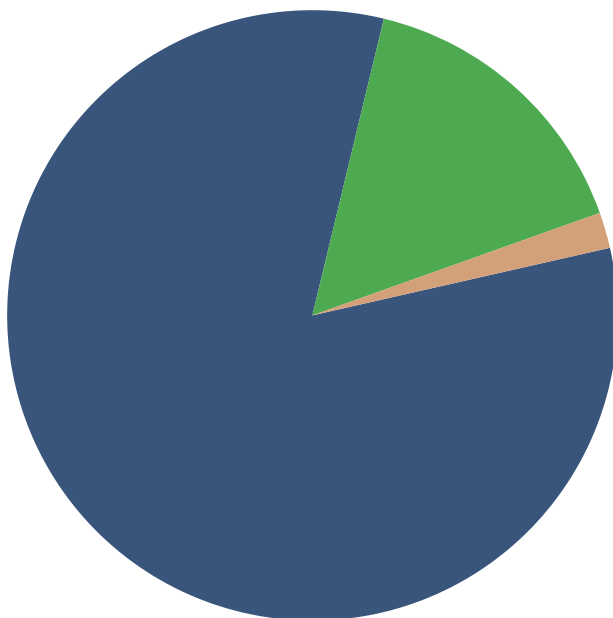
- Direct Financial Assistance
  - Prescription Medication
  - Medical Equipment & Supplies
  - Medical Travel
  - Accessibility & Paratransit
- Healthcare Equipment Loan Program
- Adaptive Recreation Events & Activities
- Community Fundraising Projects
- Organ Transplant Fund
- Information, Referral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

To read more about these programs, visit [ndad.org](https://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